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PREFACE.

When Bro. Manton's manuscript was placed in my hands, as editor of the Transactions of the Manchester Association for Masonic Research, it proved too voluminous for printing among the other papers read before the Association, and it was therefore decided to issue it separately as a "monograph."

Bro. Manton has been fortunate in having access to a large body of original documents, and has shown unusual skill in reducing them to order, and in illustrating them from various sources. We have in this volume, as the result of his labours, a graphic and consecutive account of early Derbyshire Freemasonry, and, in particular, an orderly array of details of the business and social arrangements of the premier lodge in the county.

The author's careful notes on the topography of Derby, and of certain of its former notabilities, will render his work a most acceptable addition to the shelves of those who have a care for the history of the county town.

The interesting and valuable communication from the veteran Freemason, Bro. Alfred Wallis, which is printed as an Appendix, was received by Bro. Manton after the whole of his history was in print. The story of the recovery of the "parchment roll" is particularly entertaining.

Bro. Wallis has entertained the intention, which it is hoped he may be able to carry into effect, of putting together some notices of the founders of the Tyrian Lodge, especially in relation to the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 104, and to the Nottingham Lodges, one of which was largely concerned with the establishment of the Derby "Tyrian." These notices would be most useful, as the information at present available with respect to early members is of the most meagre description.

CHARLES W. SUTTON.

EARLY FREEMASONRY IN DERBYSHIRE

WITH ESPECIAL REFERENCE TO

THE TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

Some years ago a Brother Mason of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby, the late Sir Henry Howe Bemrose* (initiated Aug. 9, 1858), made a suggestion that I should extract in a suitable form from my collection of Derbyshire Masonic circulars and memoranda, items of interest which he said he would print for issue as a book of reference. This led to my commencing a series of notes, and compiling various lists of members of Lodges, but through the exigencies of a busy railway man's life, and my removal from Derby in January, 1903, and finally the lamented death of Sir Henry Bemrose,† my notes did not reach the printers' hands, excepting lists of members, November, 1896, and March, 1899, of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1,085; September, 1898, and January, 1900, of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253; and September, 1885, and March, 1899, of the Chapter of Justice, No. 253. These lists, which include dates of Initiations, Exaltations, Installations, and dates and particulars of Provincial Honours granted, were printed in conjunction with Inventories of the properties of the Lodges and Chapter named.

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* See Descriptive Catalogue of Derbyshire Charters, compiled for Sir H. H. Bemrose by Isaac Herbert Jeayes, 1906. Sir Henry was an ardent collector of books relating to Derbyshire and Derbyshire men, and helped forward every good work in the town of Derby, of which he was M.P., 1895-1900. † He died May 5th, 1911.

I ought to explain that I had preserved since 1874 all Derbyshire Masonic circulars addressed to me (and I have continued this up to the present time), and that I gained valuable additions of old Provincial and Craft and R.A. circulars, rescued from a heap of debris after the death of a friend, as well as miscellaneous items presented to me by another friend, both of whom attained the rank of P.P.S.G.W. of the Province, from which I not only enriched my own series of circulars, which are now in bound volumes, but have also presented to the Tyrian Lodge a series of its circulars which it did not previously possess, and a duplicate series to the Derby Masonic Library. And in the case of another Derbyshire Lodge, which unfortunately lost many of its effects by fire, it was my privilege to be able to present my own collection of its circulars, etc., bound in book form, from the date of its Consecration. I particularly mention these items to induce if possible some junior members of the present generation to carefully preserve their Lodge circulars, which appreciate in interest and value by the lapse of time.

I must further explain that, in 1889, a Derby friend and zealous Mason who was about to leave England for employment in Japan, handed to me his accumulation of Masonic books, pamphlets, calendars, and newspaper cuttings, many of which related to Warwickshire Freemasonry.

On overhauling the materials he gave me I found a number of old accounts, letters, and draft letters or copies, which I assume had been used in connection with the compilation of "A Sketch of the History of the Tyrian Lodge to its Centenary Celebration," printed in connection with the celebration of its Centenary in 1885, and which were then put aside without a proper appreciation of their value, but still I think with some intention of their being restored to the Lodge, which will of course now be done.

It was the possession of these old accounts and correspondence that brought into renewed life my earlier work, and induced me when asked for a paper for our Association to attempt a summary of the information contained in them. Since the compilation of my earlier notes, another Brother, equally interested as myself in Derbyshire Freemasonry, has written some "Notes of the Doings of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby, from its Foundation in 1785 to 1861."

These notes are by Brother C. Trevelyan-Lee, W.M. of the Tyrian Lodge, 1912, and were printed in May, 1912, so that the value of some of mine relating specially to the Tyrian Lodge has been discounted. So far as the Tyrian Lodge is concerned actual quotations of letters are given where it seems desirable to preserve their character, and for comparison with present-day terms.

As a preface, I give lists of the Provincial Grand Masters of Derbyshire, also the Deputy Provincial G. Masters, which, so far as I know, have not hitherto been given in a complete form; also a list of the Craft Lodges in the Province, with dates of warrants and consecration.

DERBYSHIRE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.

Thomas Boothby Parkins (created Lord Rancliffe, October 1, 1795), 1789.
Prov. G.M. Nottinghamshire 1783, and Leicestershire 1793.

Sir John Borlase Warren, July 24, 1792.
Prov. G.M. Nottinghamshire 1802.

General Charles, third Earl of Harrington, 1801.

William George Spencer Cavendish, sixth Duke of Devonshire,* 1814.

Spencer Compton Cavendish, Marquess of Hartington, M.P. (from 1881 as eighth Duke of Devonshire),† installed June 16, 1859.

Victor William Christian Cavendish, ninth Duke of Devonshire, installed April 3, 1909.

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* Died 1808. † Eldest son of William, seventh Duke of Devonshire.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.

Robert Sewallis Shirley, Viscount Tamworth* (S.G.W., England, 1779.)

John Beaumont, installed Sep. 26, 1826.

Philip Gell, D.C.L., Patent Sep. 8, 1834.

Col. Charles Robert Colville (M.P. for South Derbyshire, 1841-68), installed Nov. 22, 1842.

Haughton Charles Okeover (J.G.W., England, 1874), appointed Nov. 24, 1863.

Fitzherbert Wright (G. Treasurer, England, 1904), installed Dec. 18, 1905.

Norton Joseph Hughes Hallett (P.J.G.D., England, 1909), appointed February, 1908; installed March 9, 1909.

DERBYSHIRE LODGES.

NO.	LODGE	WARRANT	AT
104		Sep. 14, 1732	The Virgin's Inn, Derby. (Erased Feb. 1777.)
106A		Dec. 27, 1762	The Three Cranes, Chesterfield. (Erased shortly after Constitution.)
468 (now 253)	Tyrian	Mar. 26, 1785	Derby. (First meeting—Emergency Lodge — April 1, 1785.)
519 (later 369)	Scarsdale	Mar. 5, 1793	Angel Inn, Chesterfield. (Erased Sep. 5, 1838.) First meeting May, 23, 1793.
165A (later 122)	Derbyshire	Nov. 12, 1810	Buxton. Removed to Longnor, Staffs., 1842. (Erased March 7, 1866.)
690 (now 353)	Royal Sussex	Sep. 8, 1817	Repton (now at Winshill). First meeting Sep. 24, 1817.
507 (now 268)	Lodge of Union	Sep. 27, 1788	Removed to Mellor, Derbyshire, 1822, and to Ludworth, 1840. (Returned to Lancashire 1860.)
744 (now 506)	Mundy Grove	Dec. 27, 1844	Shipley Gate. First meeting Sep. 28, 1844.

* Only son of Washington Shirley, eighth Earl of Ferrers, G.M. 1762-63. He married the second daughter of Nathaniel Curzon, second Baron Scarsdale, and died June 6, 1824.

NO.	LODGE	WARRANT	AT	CONSECRATED
908 (now 625)	Devonshire	Nov. 7, 1853	Glossop	June 8, 1854
940 (now 654)	Peveril of the Peak	July 13, 1855	New Mills	Jan. 8, 1868
981 (now 681)	Scarsdale	June 30, 1856	Chesterfield	(Early Minute Books lost
1033 (now 731)	Arboretum	Dec. 25, 1857	Derby	Jan. 19, 1865
1089 (now 787)	Beaureper	April 14, 1859	Belper	Mar. 9, 1865
1104 (now 802)	Repose	Oct. 27, 1859	Derby	Jan. 19, 1865
1152 (now 850)	Saint Oswald	Dec. 15, 1860	Ashbourne	Feb. 13, 1866
1186 (now 884)	Derwent	Oct. 23, 1861	Wirksworth	
1028	Royal Alfred	Aug. 13, 1864	Alfreton	Dec. 13, 1864
1085	Hartington	Dec. 5, 1865	Derby	Nov. 5, 1873
1179	Rutland	June 13, 1867	Ilkeston	Oct. 16, 1867
1235	Phœnix Lodge of St. Ann	Sep. 15, 1868	Buxton	Feb. 25, 1869
1324	Okeover	June 20, 1870	Ripley	Aug. 11, 1870
1495	Arkwright	April 24, 1874	Matlock Bath	June 3, 1874
1688	Buxton	May 1, 1877	Buxton	Sep. 12, 1877
1739	Carnarvon	Feb 15, 1878	Church Gresley	May 2, 1878
1952	High Peak	Nov. 16, 1881	Chapel-en-le-Frith	Feb. 13. 1882
2129	Dorothy Vernon	Nov. 10, 1885	Bakewell	May 26, 1887
2224	Fairfield	Sep. 14, 1887	Long Eaton	Nov. 10, 1887
2355	Chantrey	Mar. 21, 1890	Dore	July 30, 1890
2373	Hardwick	Aug. 6, 1890	Chesterfield	Mar. 18, 1891
2426	Ecclesburne	April 8, 1892	Duffield	Sep. 5, 1892
2583	Saint Thomas	Sep. 5, 1895	Tibshelf	Nov. 20, 1895
2630	Tutbury Castle	Oct. 29, 1896	Hatton	May 5, 1897
3055	Cavendish	June 26, 1904	Old Whittington, near Chesterfield	Oct. 18, 1904
3397	Hope Valley	Aug. 17, 1909	Hope	Nov. 24, 1909
3430	Chatsworth	Jan. 12, 1910	Derby	Mar. 21, 1910
3584	Hadfield	Feb. 2, 1912	Hadfield	Mar. 20, 1912

NOTE.—Certain Lodges met some years before they were "Consecrated." The Constitution of 1815 first officially sanctioned the ceremony of consecration. The revised constitutions say "a new Lodge *shall* be solemnly constituted." Formerly the wording was "a new Lodge *should be* solemnly constituted."

The earliest record of Freemasonry in Derbyshire known to me is in the Manuscript List of Lodges, 1731-2, given in Lane's Supplement, 20th July, 1887, "from a Manuscript List in the First Minute Book in Grand Lodge, London."

"104 Virgin's Inn in Derby."

This Lodge is also included in "John Pine's Engraved List of Regular Lodges," dated 1734 (the only original copy of which date now belongs to the Manchester Association for Masonic Research), and in subsequent engraved lists. It is shown in script—

"*104 Virgin's Inn Darby 14th Sep. 1732.*"
(Figure of a female bust.)

In Lane's "Masonic Records" (p. 31) the following particulars are given:—

Virgin's Inn, Derby, Derbyshire.....1732
Date of Warrant .....14th Sept., 1732
Number 104.....
Number 92 1740
Number 54 1755
Royal Oak, Market Place, Derby.....1759
Number 45 1770
Erased .....5th February, 1777

W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, in his pamphlet of June 27, 1883, relating specially to the Lodge of "Relief," No. 42, Bury, Warrant dated 3 July, 1733, includes in his List of Provincial Lodges (33 in number) on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England to A.D. 1733. "Derbyshire, No. 104, Derby, A.D. 1732."

The Minutes of Grand Lodge, held at the Devil Tavern within Temple Bar, on Tuesday, 21st November, 1732, show that the Virgin's Inn Lodge at Derby paid for Constitution £2 2s.

The manuscript list of 1730 of "Regularly Constituted Lodges" ends with Lodge 104, "Virgin's Inn in Derby," after which there are a number of blank pages. Unfortunately there is no list of the names of the members of the Lodge. This was often the case in reference to country lodges.* The Minutes of Grand Lodge have so far only been printed to the year 1739.

It is stated that the existence of the Lodge was terminated because of disobedience of the Laws, but it is probable, I think, that some of the members continued to meet after the date of its erasure regardless of authority. I will refer to this again later on.

So far as is known the only document in existence which actually emanated from the Lodge itself, is a small parchment, now in the possession of the Tyrian Lodge, Derby, on which is written:—

> This is to Certify that the Bearer Hereof William Sparkes is a Regular Registered Mason in our Lodge, No. 104, held at the Royal Oak Inn, in Derby, and has Behaved Himself as becomes a Worthy Brother of this Lodge.
>
> Given under our Hands and the Seal of the said Lodge this 6th day of May in the year of our Lord God, 1766, and in the year of Masonry, 5766.
>
> Sam'l Brown, Master.
> Rich'd Rutland, Senior Warden.
> Henry Pratt, Junior Warden.
>
> Secretary, Thomas Greasley.

It is now hung in the Masonic Hall, Derby, suitably mounted and framed. I was present at a meeting of the Tyrian Lodge, Derby, when the document was first brought under notice, and it was then stated it had come from a descendant of the William Sparkes to whom it refers.

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* See Vol. X. of "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha," pp. vi, xx., 195, 224.

I shall, shortly, present evidence that William Sparkes of the old "Virgin's Inn" Lodge became Tyler of the Tyrian Lodge, which will support a suggestion already made that the Founders of the Tyrian Lodge (whose names have not, so far, been found in any Masonic records prior to their registration as "Founders") were also members of the "Virgin's Inn" Lodge. What is more probable than that the brethren in question were influenced by the irregularity of their position as members of a diswarranted Lodge, to obtain a new Charter?

Another case of Masonic Meetings in Derby without a warrant or allegiance to G. or P. G. Lodge, as late as 1818, is given by Bro. Trevelyan-Lee, in his "Notes." On page 11 he refers to a letter dated 29th January, 1818, to Grand Lodge, sent by Robert Litchfield of the Morledge, Derby, on behalf of himself and other Masons, in which the Grand Secretary was thanked for a letter of the 10th November previous, which was handed to the W.M. of the Tyrian Lodge, requesting that they might see the (New) Book of Constitution, which request was refused by the Master, but with an intimation they might join the Tyrian Lodge: that they could not do this from their circumstances in life not being able to meet the great expenses of the Lodge: *that they were continuing to meet once a fortnight, and had formed a school of instruction, and were desirous of having a warrant and becoming a regularly constituted Lodge.*

The next notice of Freemasonry in Derbyshire, I give from Lane's "Records" (p. 64):—

Lodge No. 106 (A). Warrant, 27 Dec., 1762.
At the Three Cranes, Chesterfield.
In Ahiman Rezon, 1804 and 1813.

Not in Ahimon Rezon, 1807.
Must have ceased soon after Constitution.

Then follows The "Tyrian" Lodge, No. 253, Derby. Constituted in 1785.

In 1789 The First Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire was appointed:—

Thomas Boothby Parkins, afterwards
1st Lord Lord Rancliffe.

The late Bro. Wm. Kelly, Past Prov. G.M., Leicestershire and Rutland, in his history of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire (p. 23), says, "The office of P.G.M. (Leicestershire)—vacant for two years after the death of Sir Thos. Fowke, 7th November, 1786—was conferred upon Thomas Boothby Parkins, Esq., M.P. for Leicester, who was also P.G.M. for the Counties of Derby and Nottingham, and who, in 1795, was created Lord Rancliffe in the Peerage of Ireland. Although occupying a very distinguished position in Masonry in the Metropolis —he being Principal Z of the Grand R.A. Chapter, and Grand Master of Knights Templars, and of the Red Cross, and other Chivalric Orders—he does not appear to have taken the slightest personal interest in Masonry during the eleven years he presided over the Province of Leicestershire, except on one solitary occasion, namely, being present at the Emergency Meeting of St. John's Lodge, 27 April, 1791, after which he presented a set of silver jewels for the officers." He died in the year 1800.

In 1792 a successor to Lord Rancliffe, as Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, was appointed, viz.:—

Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart.

The notification of his appointment was sent to The Tyrian Lodge, as follows:

Free Mason's Hall, 24th July, 1792.

R. W. Master,

I have the Honor to acquaint you the Grand Master has been pleased to appoint Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart., to be Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire, you will therefore be pleased to correspond with him on all business respecting Masonry.

I am, R.W. Mas'r,

Your most Ob't Serv't and Brother,

Wm. White, G.S.

Mas'r of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 468.

Again, in date order, I quote from Lane's "Records," p. 162:—

The Scarsdale Lodge, No. 519, Chesterfield
Warrant ..... 5 March, 1793
At the Angel Inn, Chesterfield 1793
No. 552 1814
Falcon Inn, Chesterfield 1814
Angel Inn 1817
No. 369 1832
Erased ..... 5th September, 1838
(Now referred to as the *old* Scarsdale Lodge.)

The returns made by this Lodge, 1799 to 1818, pursuant to the 1799 Act, "for the more effectual Suppression of Societies established for seditious and treasonable Practices,"* 39 Geo. III., c. 79, whereby a list of the members of every Freemason's Lodge, with the abode and profession of each,

* This was consequent upon the scare of the French Revolution. Gould, p. 487, II., says on the passing of the Statute it was assumed no new Lodge could be constituted; ultimately, Grand Lodge agreed in 1806 to adopt *the practice of the Grand Lodge of England*, to assign to new Lodges the numbers and charters of dormant Lodges.

had to be furnished annually, on March 25th, to the Clerk of the Peace, show that the members met once a month at the house of William Lovett, at the Angel, in 1799, and then there were 33 members, including several esquires, gentlemen, professional men, tradesmen, farmers, and servants. And in 1818 the members of the Lodge numbered 12 only.

Thos. Wm. Tew was initiated in this "Old" Scarsdale Lodge, October 2nd, 1856. He was the first W.M. of Lodge St. Oswald, 1212 (910), Pontefract, July 6, 1864; appointed Deputy Prov. G.M. West Riding of Yorks, April 21, 1875; Senior G.D. of Eng., April 25, 1883; and Provincial G.M. of the W.R. of Yorks.,* April 24, 1885.

A letter dated, "Chesterfield, January 19, 1830," says the "Scarsdale Lodge" is expected to join in a procession, and assist with the ceremony of the laying of the Foundation Stone of a new church at Brampton, Feb. 2nd, by the Prov. G.M., The Duke of Devonshire, "but in consequence of the death of some, and the change of residence of others of its members, the Lodge is reduced to a very few," and a request is therefore made for the attendance of as many of the Brethren of the Tyrian Lodge as can make it convenient to attend on the occasion, to testify respect for his Grace. The reply of the members of the Tyrian Lodge was that in consequence of the severity of the weather, and the foundation of the new church at Brampton not being intended to be laid in due Masonic form, few if any of the Brethren would be present.

In connection with this item it should be borne in mind that road vehicles were the only means of transit to and

* Another Derbyshire initiate—the R. H. Earl Howe—held the high positions of Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and of Leicestershire and Rutland.

from the towns. This perhaps furnishes an explanation of the early hours in the day at which Masonic Lodges were held, and the lengthy meetings of the Brethren "for auld acquaintance sake" who attended from a distance. The North Midland Line Derby to Chesterfield and Leeds was not opened until 11th May, 1840. The Derby and Nottingham Line was opened 30th May, 1839, and the Derby and Hampton Line June 30th, 1839.

Lane's Masonic "Records" (p. 86) give particulars of a "Derbyshire Lodge":—

Date of Warrant .....12 Nov., 1810
with an "Athol" number "165," held at the
*King's Head Inn, Buxton, and at the
†Crow and Harpur Arms, Longnor, Staffs, 1842
(United G.L. of England) "No. 201"...1814
"No. 143" 1832, and "No. 122" 1863.
Erased .....7 March, 1866.

"No. 165" was the number of an old "Athol" or "Antient" London Lodge, of which he gives the following particulars:—

Date of Warrant .....18 April, 1770
Ship, Long Lane, Borough, London.
Removal confirmed 18 April, 1772, and
6th Dec., 1775: places not recorded.
Lapsed, and Warrant delivered up in
G.L. .....24 June, 1776.

Bro. Sydney Taylor, P.M. of the Phœnix Lodge of St. Ann, No. 1235, Buxton, in his "History of Freemasonry in Buxton and Longnor," says "the Derbyshire Lodge was constituted or opened by James McDonel, said to be W.M.

* Jewitt's History of Buxton says the "King's Head," Buxton, was kept by a Mr. Charles Pidcock.

† Should be "Crewe and Harpur Arms," and Taylor's Early Freemasonry in Buxton gives the date 6 June, 1840.

of the Union Lodge, Manchester, No. 296, and its original members were Buxton men from No. 296."

The old Atholl vacant number "165" of 1770 was assigned to the Derbyshire Lodge of 1810 in accordance with G.L. Minute (Antients) of 5th Sept., 1792:—

> Upon Motion by the Rt. W. Deputy and duly Seconded, In Order to accelerate the Business of the Grand Lodge, Ordered unanimously:
>
> That the Rt. W. Grand Master or His Deputy Do grant such Warrants as are vacant to such Lodges as apply for the same giving the preference of choice to the Senior Lodges respectively and that the sum of Five Guineas to be paid into the Fund of Charity shall be the Established Fees for taking out or renewing a Senior Warrant independent of the Grand Secretary's fees thereupon.

This explains the much later number "296" of the Manchester "mother" Lodge than that ("165") of the "daughter" Lodge.

There is an item in the Warrant of the Derbyshire Lodge, granted by the Duke of Athol, of especial interest to myself as a numismatist: it is the authority given "to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the House of Mr. William Wood, the Eagle and Child Inn, Buxton."* The Eagle and Child is the crest of the Earls of Derby, and was used by James, Earl of Derby, who was King of Man and the Isles, a title modified to "Sovereign Lord of Man." In 1736, James, Duke of Athol, succeeded to the Sovereignty of the Isle of Man, and he used the initials in monogram, "A.D." (Athol Dux), on his copper coinage dated 1758, which was the last of the insular coinage.

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* Now the Devonshire Hotel. The Lodge was actually held at the King's Head Inn. In 1818 the statutory return to the Clerk of the Peace gives the names of 17 members, and Hugh Hartley, architect, as W.M.

Mention is made of "The Eagle Inn, kept by Wm. Wood," in Jewitt's History of Buxton, 1811. It is described as a new building, with a pre-eminence over the rest, "as having been erected on the *scite* of the oldest inn in Buxton, which formerly bore for its sign the crest of the Stanley family, and might probably have been first opened by one of the domestics of that ancient house."

The "Derbyshire Lodge" was lost to the County because of its having sunk into a moribund condition, and there being an application from brethren at Longnor Staffs.) for a Warrant to form a Lodge, which application was met by the transfer of the Warrant of the Derbyshire Lodge to Longnor.

The Longnor brethren are said to have been survivors of a Lodge of Unity, No. 411, afterwards No. 492, which was erased, 3 June, 1829. (See Lane's "Records," p. 152.)

On Nov. 30th, 1816, the Secretary of the Lodge of Unity wrote in reference to Bro. Brewer, a member of the Tyrian Lodge:—

Lodge of Unity, Longnor.

Mr. Harris having honoured us with a visit this evening and being very desirous to be past to the degree of a Fellowcraft, we (after a senatus consultum) passed him accordingly. We trust so doing will not be considered any disrespect to our worthy Brethren at Derby, our only object being a wish to promote the Science of Masonry, and to shew our readiness on every occasion to oblige any of our Worthy Brethren. RICHARD HOLLAND,

Secretary.

In 1827 an attempt was made to transfer this Lodge of Unity to Ashbourne, which would have made it a Derbyshire Lodge.

A draft letter from Jno. Thos. Swanwick, Grand Secretary for Derbyshire, dated Derby, May, 1827, is as follows:—

> I have the honour to inform you by command of John Beaumont, Esq'r., Prov. D.G.M. for this Province, that the W.M. and Brethren of the Lodge of Unity, No. 492, Longnor, Staffordshire, have petitioned him to permit the said Lodge to be removed from Longnor to Ashbourne in this Province, it being a more populous and convenient place for holding the same, and that he has been pleased to comply with their petition on its being approved by the Grand Lodge.
>
> To Messrs. White and Harper,
> Grand Secretaries, London.

Another copy of a letter is:—

> Derby, 3 May, 1827.
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> I should have written to you yesterday but was so much engaged that I could not find time.
>
> Mr. Beaumont (D.P.M.) called upon me on Friday to say he had rec'd your letter and gave me instructions to apprise the Grand Lodge of his approval of its being removed to Ashborne: but I deferred sending it off until I had consulted my Tyrian Brethren at the Lodge; and it is their opinion that before you can get the Grand Lodge to consent to it; you must proceed exactly as it is stated in the Book of Constitution at Removal of Lodges, page 98, and that too by petition signed in open Lodge: stating that Ashborne is a more convenient and populous town or to that effect: and send a copy of it to the Grand Lodge and to me as Mr. Beaumont's sec'y.
>
> If the Lodge is in arrear with the G.L. I would advise a return to be made at the same time or per-

haps they will charge 5 gui's for a revival of the warrant.

If you issue summonses immediately you may hold both Lodges and get all settled in 10 days.

I am of opinion it is the non-compliance with this regulation that has caused the neglect you named.

And a postcript to another letter to the Grand Secretaries in 1828 is:—

At our Anniversary it was observed by a member of the Longnor Lodge that they had not rec'd any communication from you to a remittance sent some time since to get it removed to Ashbourn. I therefore told them that there must be some irregularity in their proceedings, or I was confident you would have answered it immediately. The delay is certainly much to be regretted, because it damps that ardour which is so essential to the keeping up of a Lodge. I hope therefore you will pardon me although I fear I am irregular in attending to it) in saying that they would feel much obliged if you could direct them how to rectify it.

The Lodge did not get to Ashbourne. I must therefore leave this matter.

Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 353. Winshill, Derbyshire.

Warrant	8 Sep., 1817
No. 690, at the Mitre Inn, Repton, Derbyshire,	1817
Masonic Tavern	1831
No. 446	1832
No. 353	1863
Swan Hotel, Winshill	1869

A return sent to the Clerk of the Peace in 1818, gives the names of fourteen members of the Lodge, and George Mugliston, Plumber and Glazier, as W.M.

In my Presidential address, Nov., 1910, I referred to a Lancashire Lodge, the Lodge of Union, No. 507, Warrant, 27 Sep., 1788 (No. 268), which had its commencement at the Blackmoor's Head, Churchyard, Manchester, and which migrated from the North British Volunteer Inn, Manchester, to Derbyshire. Lane's "Records" are:—

Devonshire Arms, Mellor, Derbyshire ...1822
No. 335 1832
Wellington Arms 1834
Duke of Sussex 1838
Shuttle Inn, Ludworth.....1840
Queen's Arms Inn, George St., Ashton-u.-Lyne 1860
No. 268 1863

John Hadfield, the Secretary, wrote on Oct. 5, 1827, to the W.M. of the Tyrian Lodge, 475, Derby:—

> I am commanded by the members of the Lodge of Union, No. 507, to inform you that we are agreeable to any resolution (in regard to registration fees and annual contributions) the P. G. Lodge may make if they are according to the Book of Constitution.

Again on 16 Aug., 1831, he wrote:—

> I have to Inform you that our W.M. Brother Edw'd Hadfield Departed this life this day and his request was to be Inter'd as a mason. We humbly solicit you to procure for us a dispensation to enable us to assemble and form a procession with our neighbouring Lodges to pay our departed Brother our last respects.
>
> P.S.—Please to write as soon as possible. Our Elected Master is Br. Cha's Hambleton.

Returns to the Clerk of the Peace between 1834 and 1841 show that the Lodge averaged about twenty members each meeting, chiefly Miners and Small Tradesmen.

The Tyrian Lodge, Derby, No. 468 (now No. 253, and the "Mother Lodge" of the Province), was constituted, under a Warrant given by Thomas Howard, Earl of Effingham, &c., Acting Grand Master under the authority of His Royal Highness, Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, &c., Grand Master (brother of George III.), dated 26th day of March, A.L. 5785, A.D. 1785, and with the signatures:—

Effingham, Act'g G.M.
Rowland Holt, D.G.M.

Witness, Wm. White, G.S.

In addition to the original warrant the Grand Secretary's letter with which it was forwarded is still preserved. It is wholly in the handwriting of the G. Sec., as follows:

Sir,

Inclosed I have the pleasure of transmitting the Warrant of Constitution for the Tyrian Lodge, Derby, the fees of which being £5 15s. 6d. you may either remit to me, or our Bro'r Yeomans, as may be most convenient. Sincerely wishing prosperity to your New Lodge, I remain with great respect.

Sir,
Your most Obed't Serv't & Brother,
Wm. White, G.S.

Freemasons' Hall,
9th April, 1785.

and there is an endorsement upon it:—

Paid for the Warrant	5	15	6	
Paid expenses of postage, etc.		5	6½	thereupon.
	6	1	0½	

Some interesting particulars of the foundation of the Tyrian Lodge are given in Bro. Trevelyan-Lee's "Notes" (p. 2-5 & 7-8). The Lodge records for the first three years

of its existence are missing, therefore other sources have to be sought for the proceedings of these three years. The first year's report was made direct to Grand Lodge—it is copied in full in Bro. T.-Lee's "Notes"—and explains that the Secretary had absconded with "Tyrian" property entrusted to him to the amount of 30 or 40 pounds, and which may account for the missing Lodge Minutes. A newspaper advertisement—*The Derby Mercury* of April 28 and May 5, 1785—supplies the fact that the Lodge, which originally met at the "Bunch of Grapes," was held at the George Inn, May 10, 1785, and a postcript to the report to Grand Lodge, "Our meetings are now at the George Inn," confirms this removal of the Lodge.

"Some Reminiscences of Old Derby," by W. Bro. Alfred Wallis, F.R.S.L., P.M., of the Hartington Lodge, 1,085, and sometime Editor of *The Derby Mercury*, furnishes an admirable account of the commencement and inauguration of the Lodge. Bro. Wallis, referring to the Derby Philosophical Society, founded in 1788 by Dr. Erasmus Darwin and other gentlemen "who held 'advanced' opinions upon the questions of the day, one of whom was Dr. John Hollis Pigot, identified with the foundation of the Tyrian Lodge of Freemasons in 1785, of which he was the first Master," says "I am enabled to fill up from my memoranda some *lacunæ* in the annals of the Lodge.

> Briefly stated, the *data* collected as above show that the Tyrian Lodge was opened (by Dispensation bearing date March 28, 1785) at seven o'clock on Friday evening of the First day of April as a Lodge of Emergency, there being present in addition to Dr. Pigot and others named in the Warrant, Benjamin Oakes, James Brewer, John Moss, and Henry Cater;

and, as visiting brethren, Henry Gore,* William Strain (I am not quite sure of this name, which may be "Swain"), and Henry Pratt, with Rowland Parke as Secretary. The place of meeting was a tavern in the Market-place, under the sign of "The Bunch of Grapes," whose landlord, Samuel Greatorex† (he may have been a survivor of the mother-lodge of Derby, formerly held at the Virgin's Inn, but then lapsed) acted as Installing Master, to place Dr. Pigot in the chair. The precise location of this hostelry is not known to me; it had ceased to appear in the lists of public-houses at the beginning of last century, and was in all probability, pulled down for some local improvement during the year 1788. The first regular Lodge was held on the following Tuesday, April 5, "being the first Tuesday in the month," and was adjourned at intervals during the month, in which no less than six meetings took place, when some of the most considerable inhabitants of the borough and surrounding district received the benefit of initiation. The list of names is tempting, but I must not dwell upon it further than to make the remark that with the exception of Dr. Pigot no member of the Philosophical Society is to be found upon the roll. This omission certainly appears somewhat strange, as we are informed (on what authority is not stated), in the historical summary prefixed to the pamphlet to which allusion has been made, that Dr. Darwin was a Scotch Mason, a son of Canongate Kilwinning. He was studying medicine in Edinburgh at 23 years of age, that is to say,

* In 1796 Bro. Gore is shown as S.W. of the Union Lodge, Nottingham.

† Samuel Greatorex was not a Member of the Tyrian Lodge. Grand Lodge resolved on April 23, 1773, that no master of a public house should in future be a member of any Lodge holden in his house (Gould ii., 476). See also Appendix to this volume.

in the winter of 1754, and may have been initiated there; but I can nowhere find that he was at any time identified with, or took the least interest in, the Order, and his name is conspicuous by its absence from the Tyrian roll.

The first anniversary of the Tyrian Lodge was held on Tuesday, May 10, 1786, at the George Inn. The published report of the proceedings states that after choosing their proper officers for the ensuing year, the society proceeded, about eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to All Saints' Church, in the following order of procession* :—

Band of Music.
Two Tylers, with drawn swords.
The Secretary
(carrying the Bible, Square, and Compass).
Two Deacons, carrying flags.
Two Chaplains.
THE MASTER.
Tyler of the Nottingham Lodge.
Wardens of the Nottingham Lodge.
The Master of the Nottingham Lodge.
Three Master Masons of the Nottingham Lodge.†
The rest of the society followed, formed three-and-three abreast.

The sermon was preached by the Reverend Charles Shuttleworth, M.A., of Aston, from 2nd Peter I., verses 5, 6, and 7. The report says that "it was well adapted to the occasion, and gave universal satisfaction," and also that after the service the brethren returned to the George Inn, where a good dinner was

* These particulars differ slightly from those given in Bro. T. Lee's *Notes*, p. 8.
† See Appendix.

provided, and the afternoon was spent in Masonic conviviality."

The Master is not mentioned by name in this report, but he was doubtless Dr. Pigot, who continued to rule the Lodge down to the year 1789, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Charles Shuttleworth, who took the chair in 1790.

The Rev. Charles Shuttleworth, of Aston, took the name of Holden in 1790,* and died two or three years later at Oxford. His elder brother, Robert, was connected by marriage with the family of the celebrated Dr. Desaguliers,† a name always to be remembered with respect in the craft.

There were seven initiations on April 5th, the meeting on which date is represented as the first regular Lodge, although, as already stated, the Grand Secretary's letter with which the warrant was forwarded is dated April 9th, 1785.

On April 12th, when presumably the warrant had been received, there were five other initiations, on April 9th two, April 22nd one, April 26th seven, and April 27th three. In May there were seven. There were eight "Founders," so that at the end of the second month the membership of the Lodge was forty.

The earliest extant Minutes are those for Sep'r 23, 1788." ‡

"Tyrian Lodge, Extra, No. 468. Present, J. H. Pigot, § R. W. Master, J. Steer, Secretary, Jno. Hall.

* Glover, p. 68, says 1791. † See Gould's His. of F., Vol. II., p. 348,

‡ The population of the town of Derby in 1788 was 8,563, and in 1801. 10,828.

§ QUERY. Was Bro. Dr. Pigot, D.P.G.M. for Notts., who was a friend of Lord Byron, the poet, of the same family as Dr. J. H. Pigot of Derby?

Mr. Edward Ward proposed as an Entered Apprentice by the R.W. Master."

The following day—Sep'r 24, 1788—was also an "Extra Lodge," at which nine brethren were present. The ballot was taken for Mr. Ed'd Ward, and "Mr. Tho's Bingham admitted Entered Apprentice."

The next day—Sep'r 25th, 1788—the regular meeting of the Lodge was held, at which thirty-nine members and eight visitors were present. "Esq'r" is added to the names of eight members, and "Att'y" to one, and the names of the visitors are prefixed by "Mr." The only business recorded is "Mr. Edward Ward admitted Entered Apprentice."

Bro. Ward was balloted for as a F.C. on Nov. 25th, 1788, passed Dec'r 23rd, 1788, and on Jan'y 27, 1789, the first minute is "Brother Hope proposed Brother Ward to be raised to the degree of Master Mason. Balloted for and elected."

On March 24, 1789, there is a record, "Bro. Ed. Ward passed to the chair."* He was elected Master of the Lodge, Aug. 27, 1793, and installed Sep'r 25, 1793.

The concluding minute of the Jan'y, 1789 minutes is, "The Bold Stroke for a Husband is desired to be represented by Brother Pero's Company of Comedians on Friday evening next." Bro. Pero was a visitor at the Lodge meeting.

On March 3rd, 1789, a minute reads: "Capt'n Joseph Lyons admitted an Entered Apprentice, passed to a Fellow Craft, and raised to the degree of Master Mason."

"The reason of this gentleman's being raised to the degree of Master so suddenly was that he was in a few

* "Passing the Chair," otherwise admission as "Master of Arts and Sciences," was a necessary preliminary to exaltation to the S.D. of the R.A.

days going from the Kingdom for sometime." (Captain Lyons was balloted for the previous month.)

March 24th, 1789. Wm. Gibson, of the Union Lodge, No. 162, Nottingham, was present at the Lodge meeting on this date.

The Tyrian Warrant was obtained through this Union Lodge of Nottingham.

The warrant of the Union Lodge was granted 31 Jan'y, 1763, and was surrendered to the G.M. in 1828.

On August 25, 1789, it was "Ordered that the R.W. Master, Wardens, and Brothers of the Union Lodge, Nottingham, be requested to attend at the Celebration of our Annual Festival on Friday the 23rd day of September next, at half past two o'clock."

Also "Ordered that the Residentary Members be summoned to meet on the 24th day of Sep'r next on special business."

Also "Ordered that the gentlemen who have been elected to be admitted Members of this Lodge shall be invited to attend the Lodge on the said 24 Day of Sept'r in order to their admission."

Also "Ordered that those Brothers who have not attended the Lodge since the 26th of August last be desired to intimate to the Secretary if they don't wish to continue members."

There are some old supper accounts of 1789, made out on small odd slips of paper, headed "George Inn, Derby," which are illustrative of the times to which they refer. Each account is endorsed "Wartnaby," who was the Proprietor of the George Inn, and who apparently was content with a charge of 1s. 6d. per head for the suppers, as the expenditure for Wine, Punch, Brandy, Malt Liq'r, and Mulled Ale was an item of consideration.

Jan. 27.	16	Brethren.....	2	7	8
Feb. 24.	20	"	3	8	5
March 3.	10	"	1	16	3
March 24.	10	"	1	17	9
May 26.	16	"	2	8	4
June 30.	16	"	2	6	8
July 28.	15	"	2	15	9
Oct. 27.	15	"	3	0	6
Dec. 22.		.....	4	0	9

These, and other refreshment accounts which I shall refer to later, furnish useful *data*, are corroborative of minutes, etc., and are possibly of value in other directions, for which reason details are introduced.

Sep'r 24, 1789 (Minute). "At the request of the Lodge, Doctor Pigot accepts of the Office of Rt. Worshipful Master during the ensuing year, and Brother H. Browne (S.W.) that of Acting Master."

The other Officers appointed were: "Brother Shaw, Senior Warden. Brother E. Ward, Junior Warden. Brother Pitman, Senior Deacon. Brother Broomhead, Junior Deacon. Brother Fowler, Chaplain."

The following day—Sep'r 25, 1789—an attendance of 29 members and 18 visitors is recorded, but no business. Presumably it was "a fourth degree" meeting!

On Sep'r 17th, 1789, five Loughboro' gentlemen—Mr. Jas. Douglas, Surgeon, Mr. Jas. Boot, Mr. John Craddock, Mr. Richard Cartwright (Hosier), and Mr. James Keightley (Attorney) were proposed as Entered Apprentices. They were admitted Sep'r 24, 1789, passed Oct'r 27, 1789, and raised Nov'r 24, 1789.

There was not a Masonic Lodge at Loughboro' until the consecration on March 13th, 1835, of "The Rancliffe Lodge, No. 608." Warrant, July 19, 1834. Erased, June

1, 1853. First W.M., Bro. James Elverson, of Bushby, at whose installation Bro. Lawrence Thompson, of London, assisted. The names of both these brethren occur in connection with the Tyrian Lodge.

These are accounts, "Dr. to Jno. Steer" (Secretary):

Oct. 5, 1788—			
To ½ year's Gratuity	2	12	6
To expen's, 6 nights	0	6	0
To printing 50 Summonses and papers	0	2	10
To ½ year's gratuity R.A. departm't	1	11	6
March 28, 1789—			
To 6 nights' expences	0	6	0
To ½ year's Gratuity	2	12	6
To R. Arch Dep't	1	11	6
Sep. 30, 1789—			
To ½ year's Gratuity	2	12	6
To print'g 100 Summonses	0	4	0
To papers for do.	0	1	9
To Exp's, 5 nights	0	5	0
To R. Arch Dept.	1	11	6

These accounts are particularly interesting by reason of the early mention of the "Royal Arch," also as showing the remuneration of the Secretary.

There are also accounts for

"Candles for the Lodge, 3 at 3s. = 9s. 0d."

Oct'r 27, 1789 (Minute). "Brother Hope proposed the sense of the Lodge on the propriety of continuing the Monthly Subscription be taken by Ballot on the next regular Lodge Night, and that notice thereof be given to all the members."

Nov'r 24, 1789. "The Order respecting the Monthly Subscription was, by Ballot, ordered to be repeated from the 25th of September next."

Jan'y 26, 1790 (Minute). "Brother E. Ward proposed that no person should be initiated, passed, or raised, or other public business transacted after eight o'clock on the regular Lodge Nights—to the intent that the remainder of the night ('till the adjournment of the Lodge) may be employed in receiving improvement in Masonry."

"Amended by Doctor Pigot: Except a sufficient Committee can be formed for the purpose above mentioned."

July 27, 1790 (Minute). "Brother Shaw proposed that this Lodge shall subscribe a certain sum annually to the Nottingham Infirmary." (The Derby Infirmary was not then built—it was opened June 4th, 1810.) On Aug. 24, 1790, it was "Ordered that the sum of Three Guineas be annually given to the Nottingham Infirmary."

Another minute at this July, 1790, meeting was, "Brother H. Browne proposed that in future notice shall be given in every Summons of any particular business to be transacted." This, however, was withdrawn at the following meeting.

And another minute was, "Resolved that notice be given that the propriety of the Lodge going to Church on the 25th September next will be discussed the next Lodge Night." There is no record of the result of the discussion.

Aug't 24, 1790 (Minutes). "That the Anniversary Feast be kept this year on the 27th Sep'r." "That the Rev. C. Shuttleworth be requested to take the Chair during the ensuing year."

Also minuted, "The Thanks of the Lodge are given to Brother Henry Browne for his Conduct during the year, and he is requested to do the honours of the Chair during the next."

Sep'r 27, 1790, was the Anniversary Meeting. There were 38 members and 28 visitors present. It was

"Resolved that the thanks of this Society be given to our late Right Worshipful Master Doctor Pigot for his very great Exertions in the discharge of his Office, and for his strict and unremitted attention to the Interests of this Lodge."

Oct'r 26, 1790. "Resolved that a sum not exceeding ten pounds be paid to Brother Gore, now of Nottingham, by Brother H. Browne, in such manner as he shall think necessary."

There is a letter from Bro. Gore, dated "Papplewick, 24 Feb., 1792," expressing regret "in not keeping an Acc't of the amount received from my much esteemed Brothers of the Tyrian Lodge," and acknowledging "the following sums, viz.:—

27th Oct., 1790, from Mr. Brown, at Derby ...	£3	3	0
27th Dec., 1790, ditto, at Nottingham	1	1	0
18th April, 1791, from Mr. Hawksley	2	2	0
14th Feb., 1792, from Mr. Ward	1	1	0
	£7	7	0

Sincerely thanking the Worthy Brothers of the Tyrian Lodge."

This is the Bro. Gore who was a visitor at the opening meeting of the Tyrian Lodge.

Nov'r 23, 1790 (Minutes).

(1) "Resolved that every member of this Lodge who is resident in, or not more than three miles from Derby, shall pay sixpence for every omission to attend on the regular Lodge Nights."

This fee was increased to 1s. Nov'r 28, 1797.

(2) "Resolved that every member who attends on the regular Lodge Nights and does not stay supper shall pay sixpence."

A number of other odd paper-slips dated 1789 and 1790 are receipts for payments made to Indigent Brethren, and are variously worded "by order of the Master" and "as a present relief." The amounts paid include one item of a guinea, two of half-a-guinea each, and others of 5s. and 2s. 6d. The disbursements during 1789 for relief totalled £9 3s.

One receipt dated Apl. 20th, 1789, is "Rec'd of H. Browne the sum of five pounds 1s. for the Board of Bro. 'M' allowed by the Lodge." This item is explained by a minute, Dec. 23, 1788, "Ordered that the Treasurer do pay for the subsistence of Brother M. during the space of one month from the date hereof." Another minute, Jan. 27, 1789, says, "Ordered that the further relief of Brother M. be referred entirely to the discretion of Brother H. Browne."

A receipt dated "Dec'r ye 8th" is "Rec'd of Mr. Browne five shillings for my use by the favor of the Lodge. per Mary Kennedy." And another receipt (1790) records the Number of the Lodge, "No. 468."

May 24, 1791, "Resolved that in future no Brother shall be passed to a Fellow Craft except he can repeat the obligation of an Entered Apprentice, or be raised to the degree of Master Mason except he can repeat the obligation of a Fellow Craft.

June 27, 1791. St. John's Lodge, Leicester, No. 562 (now 279)—opened, for the first time, Nov. 11, 1790—celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 27, 1791, by going in procession to St. Martin's Church, Leicester. The members, "in cocked hats," being preceded by the Militia Band, accompanied by visiting Brethren from Nottingham, *Derby*, etc., upon which occasion "an excellent discourse, strenuously enforcing the duties of Masons and men," was preached by the Rev. Bro. Jeremiah Bigsby, of

Nottingham. (*Vide Kelly's His. of the P.G.L. of Leicestershire and Rutland, p. 24, and advertisement in the Leicester Journal.*)

Nov. 22, 1791. "Brother Flint moved that it is necessary to take an exact Inventory of all the Property belonging to the Lodge, and that a Chest be provided wherein such property shall be deposited. The Chest to be in the Custody of the Treasurer for the time being. One Inventory to be kept in the said Chest, and a duplicate thereof in the Pedestal of the Lodge."

Nov'r 24, 1791. "Ordered that an addition of four shillings and sixpence be added to the annual subscription of six shillings paid by each member, towards defraying the expenses of the monthly meetings, which is henceforward to be paid out of the public fund."

Dec'r 27, 1791. It was ordered that the thanks of the Lodge be sent to the Union Lodge of Nottingham for their invitation to "their anniversary on the feast of St. John," and an explanation given that the notice was too short for the Lodge to take advantage of the invitation.

On June 16th, 1796, the list of visiting brethren included the following officers of the Union Lodge:—Ed. Dean, W.M.; Hen. Gore, S.W.; R. Ward, J.W.; Jas, Murray, Sec'y; J. Stanley, Tyler.

Dec'r 27, 1791. Ordered that the W.M., S., and J.W., or any two of them, shall be the persons to recommend patients for admission to the Institution (i.e., the Nottingham Infirmary).

Dec'r 27, 1791. "Ordered that the Right Worshipful Master of this Lodge (Henry Browne), being Treasurer thereof, shall advance a sum not exceeding Thirteen Pounds, to John Steer, Secretary of the aforesaid Lodge, taking his Note for the repayment of the same, as his salary becomes due, such sum of Money to be advanced at the discretion of the said Master as he shall think most conducive to the Benefit of the said Secretary."

"Ordered that the Master be requested to deliver to Mr. Whartnaby the following express order of the Lodge —That no person be permitted to pass the doors of the Lodge Room under pretence of visiting the Billiard Room thereto adjoining, and that no person shall be permitted to pass the gallery from the hour of seven to nine o'clock, and that the Master do report to the next Lodge the answer given by Mr. Whartnaby to such order."

On Feb'y 28, 1792, it is recorded that Mr. Whartnaby promised compliance with the "order."

Sep'r 20, 1792. The thanks "of the Society" were given to the Rev. N. Bayley for "an elegant and fraternal discourse delivered by him."

Nov'r 27, 1792. The Secretary was directed to write to the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge "to enquire what number of children this Lodge is entitled to recommend to the Royal Cumberland School."

Dec'r 4, 1792. The Lodge subscription was advanced to 16s. 6d. per annum as from 25th Sep'r, 1792.

On Dec'r 4, 1792, it was ordered "that the rule for each visiting brother who sups paying 2s." should be enforced, also the rule to close the Lodge at 11 o'clock.

The late Bro. Kelly, in his history of the Leicestershire Province (p. 27), states the vice of hard drinking was common at this time, and stringent by-laws were in force to check it in Masonic Lodges; that on nights when no ceremony had to be performed, the Brethren, each in his proper place, assembled in Lodge round a table supplied with punch, pipes, and tobacco; and, on the Lodge being opened, "a lecture went round," and after each "charge," every Brother drank off his small glass of punch, and then joined with it the honours—a custom from which we probably derive our modern "firing glasses."

Jan'y 10, 1793. The thanks of the Lodge were given to Rev. G. Greaves, Rev. Colin Crawford, D. P. Coke, Esq'r., Doctor Pigot, and Wm. Saunders, for preparing an address from the Lodge "to His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, Grand Master, expressive of the loyalty and attachment of the Lodge to His Royal Highness, His Family, and the Constitution of the Kingdom."

The address was suggested and presented by Sir John Borlase Warren, P.G. Master, and was prompted by the outbreak of the French Revolution.

Aug't 27, 1793. Brother E. Ward was proposed "for the degree of Royal Arch." (This is the first mention in the Minutes of the R.A. degree.)

On March 25, 1794. It was ordered "that at the next Lodge Night it be taken into consideration whether or not it will be expedient to apply for a regular Royal Arch Chapter, and if so what measures it will be proper to adopt in order to defray the necessary expenses attending it."

May 27, 1794. It was resolved "to take the necessary steps to form a Royal Arch Chapter."

August 26, 1794. It is recorded that "the late worthy Brother Pigot was interred,"* and the Brethren of the Lodge were requested to attend their several places of worship clothed in mourning as a mark of respect to his memory.

On Oct'r, 1795, it was ordered that in future all members shall pay 7s. 6d. towards defraying the expense of the Anniversary dinner, whether they attend the dinner or not.

In a detailed account for "Lodge Suppers," 18 Oct., 1796, to 26 Sep., 1797, the total of which is £55 15s. 0d., there are the following items:—

* Died Aug. 23rd, buried 26th, 1794.

18 Oct., 1796.

Exp's attending Mr. Chamberlond's Death.

25 at his funeral.

horse hire to Ashborn & Return 3 6

Mr. Sparks eating & liq'r 2 days 2 6

Punch & Rum Mr. Sparks 6 6

28 Febr'y (1797). Ale at & before Supper for Mr. Sparks 5 6

22 September. Mr. Spark's Exp's Clearing Lodge Closett 1 9

These items are the evidence I give to establish the fact that the William Sparkes of the "Virgin Inn Lodge 104," erased in 1777, became the Tyler of the Tyrian Lodge, warranted in 1785.

An undated list of forty-two names and cash items, which includes Brethren who were amongst the first Initiates of the Lodge (April, 1785), and others admitted to March 28th, 1797, and which totals £145 19s. 5d., appears to be a statement of arrears. The individual items vary between £9 14s. 6d., and 15s. 9d., and presumably each one represents annual subscriptions and contributions towards the Lodge suppers, and forfeits. An analysis of the items gives the following:

			£	s.	d.
1st year.	4	Initiates....	18	9	0
2nd „	7	„ ...	35	10	0
3rd „	3	„ ...	22	3	0
4th & 5th year.	8	„ ...	25	12	6
6th to 10th „	7	„ ...	23	9	6
11th & 12th „	12	„ ...	16	6	11
*Revd. Holden		...	4	8	6
	42		£145	19	5

* The Rev. Chas. Shuttleworth-Holden. See page 24.

A statement of accounts Sep'r 20th, 1805 to Sep'r 25th, 1806 (which appears to be the earliest "Tyrian" cash statement preserved), shows a total expenditure during the year of £65 10s. 4d.; receipts £59 10s. 0d.; Dr balance £6 0s. 4d. Each months items are given. The first items are for a Plate 2s., Ribbon 1s., 1½ lbs. Almonds at 6s., 9s., 6 lbs. Muscatells at 2s., 12s., then follows the item £32 11s 6d. for the Anniversary Dinner on 25th Sep'r, 1805 (the account for this dinner is fortunately preserved). The next item is "paid at settling the account 15s. 6d."

The dinner bill includes charges:—

Keepers Fees		10	6
50 Dinners, 3s. 6d. each	£8	15	0
Ale & Beer	1	5	0
38 Bottles Port 5s.	9	10	0
25 do. Wine 5s. 6d.	6	17	6
Punch	2	10	0
7½ pints Brandy	1	10	0
Hollands 1s., Tobacco 5s		6	0
Brewer for Pacrs		4	0
12 Suppers		12	0
Malt Liquor		5	0
Broken Glass 5s. 6d., Plate 1s.		6	6

In the account "paid at settling" there are charges for four suppers 5s., Punch, 7s. 6d., Beer, Negus, and Brandy 3s.

After the Dinner bills follow items of two guineas for each Lodge night, and Tyler 4s. 6d. The Tyler received his Christmas box on January 28th, 10s. 6d. There are twenty-four entries of Distressed Brethren, 2s. 6d. or 5s. each; charges of 9d., 9d., 9d., 6d., 6d., & 5d. for Letters, and 2s. 2d. for a parcel from Sheffield, also wax candle 4s. 6d.

The next Summary of Accounts in existence is for the year 1807-8, and on the outer-side of the sheet there is a list of the members of the Lodge at that date and particulars of subscriptions, etc., due, which makes it very instructive. The Lodge had been in existence 23 years and there had been 239 Initiates and Joining members, yet the list of members at the commencement of its 24th year totalled fifty only; these included four of the first Initiates (April, 1785), two of the second year, and only seven others who were members before the close of the fourteenth year. The first cash column shows the arrears "Due 25 Sep., 1807": there are twenty-five entries which total £61 3s. 6d. The next column is for "a yr's sub. & forfeits, 26 Sep., 1808"; the annual subscription was 6s., plus 4s. 6d. for expenses of the monthly meetings, which explains entries of 10s. 6d.; other entries vary between 16s. 6d. and £1 4s. 6d.—one of the forfeits was 6d. for non-attendance at the Lodge meetings. A third column is for the "Anniversary Dinner or Forfeit towards Do.," the amounts are 10s. 6d. and 3s. 6d. The fourth and final column is headed "Total sums Rec'd," and totals £34 9s 6d.

The summary statement is as follows:—

Moses Harvey in account with the Tyrian Lodge.

Dr.

1808.				
Sep. 26.	Cash at the Anniversary	34	9	6
Apl. 26.	Do. of W. Palmer (I.S.).....	2	12	6
June 28.	Do. of W. Peat	3	3	0
		£40	5	0

Cr.

1808.				
Sep. 27.	John Slynn's Bill (ending 26 Sep., 1808, inclusive).	3	6	6
	Jos. Holme's Bill	0	8	6
	Moses Harvey 1 year's Salary	5	5	0
	do. do. for Paper, Wafers, etc.	0	3	6
	Nuts and Fruit	0	9	1
	Indigent Brethren	1	2	0
	Wax Candles 3/4—Letters 4/9	0	8	1
	Indigent Brethren	0	4	6
	Rep'd I. Smith's advance to the Lodge	1	0	0
	Balance p'd the Treasurer, Mr. Bassano	27	17	10
		£40	5	0

Rec'd 3 Oct, 1808, of Mr. Moses Harvey, Twenty Seven Pounds 17s. 10d.

Rd. Bassano.

During the year there were three "Initiates" but the name of the third individual,* who was admitted on the same date as W. Peat, does not appear either in the list of members or the summary statement of accounts, although it is included in the Lodge Roll of Members. As I have not at present access to the minutes of the Lodge I am unable to explain this omission, or why W. Palmer did not pay the usual Initiation fee of £3 3s. 0d.

John Slynn, whose bill was £3 6s. 6d. was the Tyler of the Lodge, and I shall refer to him later, and Moses Harvey was the paid Secretary of the Lodge, and apparently he undertook most of the cash business, and was an excellent officer.

A document dated Islington, 24 July, 1812, says "Dr. Pugh begs to acknowledge the receipt of £1 from the Tyrian Lodge, No. 379, Derby, towards liberating Br. R.

* 238, Wm. Hollingshead.

D. Neale pr favour of Mr. Sharp & a Letter of thanks will be sent to Derby in due course."

Robert D. Neale was confined in the Fleet Prison for a debt of £230, chiefly law expenses. His wife and four children were also in the prison, destitute of the common necessaries of life, and he had been advised to solicit the assistance of his Worthy Brothers, the Free Masons, and to send circulars to 600 Lodges, asking for a contribution of 7s. to 10s. from each.

The earliest Tradesman's account is dated 16th January, 1824; and has a lithographed heading, preceded by the Royal Coat of Arms, "London, Bought of Thomas Harper, Goldsmith and Jeweller, No. 207, Fleet Street, Temple Bar. Supplies all kinds of Masonic Articles, Jewels, Ornaments, & Regalia—A Neat Assortment always on hand—Masonic Seals of Various devices engraved on Brass, Stone, Steel, and Silver."

The items are "Mr. Bassano.*

a Prov'l G'd Chaplains	£1	16	0
a Ditto for a Craft Lodge	1	10	0
a Treasurer's Jewel	1	10	0
2 Deacons Jewels (Doves and rims)...	2	5	0
an Inner Guard's Jewel (Cross swords)		16	0
an Outer Guard's Jewel (sword).....		18	0
Past Master's Jewel	1	12	0
Carriage		1	8
	£10	8	8

Identification of these Jewels is furnished by an endorsement upon the back of a statement of payments made to John Slinn, Tyler. "Mem'd'm 20th Jan'y, 1824, paid Mr. Bassano for Jewels for the Tyrian Lodge. £10 8 8."

* This Bassano was a descendant of an Anthony Bassano, a native of Italy, of the Band of Music to Henry VIII., Edward VI., Mary, and Elizabeth. The family removed to Derby sometime in the 17th century. (See Glover's His. of Derby, p. 592.)

Lists of Members with particulars of Subscriptions due and "arrears," for the years 1825, 6, 7, 8, & 9, have been preserved, which show that the annual subscription was 10s. 6d. in 1825, and *20s. from and including 1826; the *Initiation fee £4 4s. 0d., *Joining fee 10s. 6d., R. A. Exaltation fee £3 3s. 0d., and that a registration fee of £2 2s. 0d., was required from "Jno. Beaumont, Esq.," on his appointment as Deputy Prov. G.M., 26th Sept., 1826. There are also odd items inserted; Sash 13s., Book (D.P.G.M.) 3s., and Dinner at Repton 10s. 6d. The number of members of the Lodge was 46 in 1825, 55 in '26, 51 in '27, 51 in '28, and 55 in 1829. The contraction "Esq." is added to the names of some of the members (the distinction between "Mr." and "Esq." was continued on lists as late as 1862). The term "declined" apparently was used for resignation of membership, and presumably Royal Arch Exaltation fees were included in the Craft Lodge receipts and subscriptions to the latter covered the R.A. degree. The 1825 list is particularly interesting: "Dinner forfeits," 4s. each, are charged against twenty-two of the members (Q'y, for absence from the annual banquet), "Lodge forfeits," 6d. for each night's absence from the Lodge Suppers, and "Quarterages" 2s. each member, in addition to the annual subscription 10s. 6d. The increase in the annual subscription to 20s. eliminated the other items.

There are other statements of accounts which furnish interesting information. The following are particulars of the Tyler's account:—

* Also see By-Laws Ed. 1825.

Tyrian Lodge to John Slinn, 1825.

March 23rd.

	£	s.	d.
To one Quarter Salary		13	6
To the Royal Chapter 4 times.....		18	0
To carving the Eye, and repairing the floorcloth paste, &c.....		8	0
	1	19	6

Nov. 3rd.

To large Case for transparency		17	0
To two Columns Doric order, 9 ft. high with Intablature complete...6		15	9
To four Window Blinds, 6ft. × 3ft. 5in.		18	0
To extra attendance		9	0
Paid to woman for repairing the transparency		1	0
	9	0	9

John Slinn, Tyler, joined the Tyrian Lodge as a Serving Brother, August 27th, 1797. He was then described as a Cabinet Maker—he had been journeyman to a Mr. Finney, of Derby, for about 20 years, during a portion of which period he was Clerk at St. Michael's Church. His account of himself was, "he was a Bombadier in Captain Witham's Company at Gibraltar, and afterwards Carpenter and Turner in the Laboratory: he paid £3 3s. 0d. for fees and a dollar to the Tyler for initiation in Lodge 148* at Gibraltar, June 24th, 1778, and was a subscribing member at a ¼ dollar a month until October 18th, 1783. The Lodge met regularly during the Siege, and he was Secretary

* Named in 1831 "St. John's Lodge, now No. 115 (see Lane's *Records*, p. 80).

of the Lodge for a year. In November, 1783, the W.M. Sergt. Major Robt. Willson, 2nd Batt. Royal Regiment of Artillery, and the Treasurer, Mr. Robt. Laing, went to London and waited upon Laurence Dermott, Esq., Grand Secretary, with books of transactions, and paid all demands, and all this he had from their own mouth the next morning."

In January, 1806, application was made on his behalf to the "Committee of Benevolence" for assistance, but unfortunately there was no record of his initiation or his name in the G.L. Registers, and so relief from the fund was refused. Again in 1825 representations were made on his behalf, with a view to gain admittance for him to an Almshouse, when it was stated he was 76 years old, and suffering from infirmity of age. Apparently he had to wait for a vacancy, as he did not resign his position as Tyler of the Lodge until the close of 1826—his circumstances, also the good will of the Lodge towards him are indicated by a statement of payments of 5s. per week to him between January, 1825, & January, 1826.

Evidence of continued interest on the part of the Lodge in its old Tyler, after his retirement, is furnished by further accounts between November 15th, 1832, and July 21st, 1834, "for *coal and †bacon for John Slynn," and, still again, by a record in 1835 in the Lodge minutes of a presentation to him of an Octavo Bible.

An Assistant Tyler was employed by the Lodge because of Slinn's infirmities, January, 1826, to October, and on November 28th, 1826, Slinn was succeeded as Tyler

* Ann Webster, Weigher, St. Mary's Bridge Machine, Weigh Ticket printed by Wilkins and Sons, Printers, Derby.

† M. Bassano and Son (H. B. Bassano), Family Tea Warehouse, Queen Street, Derby.

by Edward Goodhead, a framework knitter, of Derby, who joined the Lodge as a serving brother. There are accounts from this date to June, 1832, and for four Quarters to October, 1834, from Goodhead for payments at 18s. per quarter, & for oil, wicking, candles, soap, turpentine, washing 5 surplices, and Banner repaired & Snuff Box.

There is also a letter from him dated Dec. 17, 1833:—

Worshipful Sir & Brothers of the Tyrian Lodge.

Being much distressed through the badness of trade, am under the necessity to ask a favour from the Brothers of the Lodge to lend me the sum of £3 for a few months, it being a case of necessity that compels me to ask.

A "memorandum" on this letter is "On the 2nd Nov'r, 1833, I lent Br. Goodhead 20s. And on the 19th of Dec'r in compliance with the above I also lent him £3 more.

J. T. Swanwick."

The four pounds was repaid Oct. 3, 1834.

On July 25th, 1865, Thomas Slinn, son of John Slinn, joined the Lodge as a Serving Brother, and was Tyler until January 25th, 1877, when his business necessitated his resigning the position. *A silver cup value five guineas, was presented to him by the Lodge on February 26th, 1878, "as a mark of its appreciation of his services as Janitor and Tyler." †On January 28th, 1879, there is a record of a vote of sympathy with him in a long and painful illness, and on February 25th, 1879, there is another record of a vote of Condolence with his widow on his death.

On April 18th, 1893, Arthur Slinn, aged 41 years, Innkeeper, son of Thomas, and Grandson of John Slinn,

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* † See Tyrian Cent. History, p. 38.

was initiated under a dispensation, as a Serving Brother, and continued as Tyler by the Lodge until his death in 1911. He was appointed Prov. G. Tyler in 1896. Having regard to the long connection of Slinn's family with Derby Freemasonry, extending over a century, a grant of ten guineas was made from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds to his widow, December 13th, 1912.

The following are also items from sundry accounts, each of which has some little value:

July 13, 1824.

Scroll of vellum	£1	10	0
Rollers for ditto	0	2	6

This account is addressed to Mr. H. Browne, who was a celebrated Chemist, an Alderman for the Borough of Derby, and Mayor for the Borough in 1799 and 1808. He was W.M. of the Tyrian Lodge 1791 and 2, 1798 to 1800, 1803, 1809, and 1820, and he also acted as Deputy other years for brethren of social distinction who were elected as Masters of the Lodge. He died in 1831.

The Roll of Members of the Lodge from its formation in 1785 to 1830 was engrossed on this vellum by Bro. J. T. Swanwick, of the Commercial Academy, St. Mary's Gate, Derby. It was lost for a considerable period, and recovered in 1884 from a Dealer's shop by W. Bro. Alfred Wallis, whose account of the commencement and inauguration of the Lodge I have already given.*

His brother, the late Percy Wallis, P.M. 850, P.P.S.G.W., was a prominent figure in Derbyshire Freemasonry as Chairman of the Charity Committee until his death on Dec. 6, 1905. His portrait, presented by W. Bro. Hextall, P.M. 1085, P.P.S.G.W., and now J.W. of the

* See also Appendix.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, is in the Derby Masonic Hall, a fitting and faithful memorial of one who was held in high esteem throughout the province, and elsewhere

Oct. 18th, 1824.
Printing 500 Notes per order of Mr.
Whitehurst 18 6

This John Whitehurst's father was nephew to John Whitehurst, F.R.S.,* who commenced a Watch and Clock Maker's business in Derby in 1735 (and which is continued at the present time), and who was author of "An Enquiry into the Original State of the Earth," published, first, in 1788. The copy of this book from the Bateman Library, dispersed at Sotheby's sale room in London, 1893, is now in my possession.

——— 1825.
8 Transparency frames 8 6
Nov. 11, 1825.
A Revolving Wheel 1 14 0
„ 21st.
Painting six transparencies 4 4 0

The account for the last two items was rendered by Bro. Octavious Oakley, who was an artist and a noted portrait painter.

——— 1826.
Gilt frame, Stretcher, etc., for
"Freemasons' School".....2 10 0
Feb. 28th, 1826.
Transparency of "Old Time" 2 2 0
do. "Death" 1 11 6

These are referred to in the Tyler's account already noticed.

* Born in Congleton, Cheshire, April 10th, 1713. Died in London, Feb. 18th, 1788.

April 29th, 1826.

Loan to the Tyrian Lodge 15 0 0

This was a loan by W Bro. Geo. Fritche, who was Master of the Lodge 1823 to '25, 1828, and 1839.

Upon the back of this loan-account is a memorandum "Printing Chaplain's Oration." Unfortunately I cannot find a copy of this.

Dec. 30th, 1826.

Proof print of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire 2 2 0

Gilt French frame, patent glass and stretcher, £3 4s. 0d., and gilt coronet for ditto, 12s.

The print was supplied by "Robert Moseley, Carver and Gilder to HIS MAJESTY, Jeweller, Silversmith, etc., Corn Market, Derby," and a duplicate receipted account has opposite the items "gilt frame and gilt coronet" 0 0 0

Feb. 27th, 1827.

Gilding and bronzing ornamented Tripod stand 1 8 6

Oct. 7th, 1827.

Platform, etc., for Masons Club 0 12 0

In Bro. Trevelyan Lee's "Notes" he refers to the presentation in 1823 of doors and conveniences for Tiling the Lodge. These items give us a glimpse of the difficulties in holding Masonic meetings at Hotel premises not adapted for the purpose.

Oct. 11th, 1827.

Gilding done to the R.A., and the two columns belonging to the Lodge 1 6 0

These are the columns charged for in John Slinn's account (Tyler), Nov. 3rd, 1825, and will be again mentioned.

1825 to 1827.

To Drewry & Son (Mercury Office), Printers, Booksellers, Stationers, &c.

Oct. 19, 26, 1825.	Ad'g Annual Festival ...	16	0
Nov. 21.	200 Bye Laws 4	13	0
Sept. 6, 13.	Adv'g Prov. Grand Lodge	18	0
„ 6, 13.	„ 41st Anniversary...	18	0
„ 16.	Printing Rev. G. S. Hope's speech on laying the first stone at Saint John's Church	19	6
Oct. 3, 1827.	Adv'g Anniversary	9	0

To J. Drewry, "Mercury" Office, Iron-Gate, Derby.

Sep. 1830.	Adv'g Anniversary Meeting	9	6
Sep. 21, 28, 1831.	Adv'g Annual Meeting...	19	6

John Drewry was initiated in the Tyrian Lodge Sep'r 5th, 1797. He was Chief Magistrate for the Borough of Derby in 1806, '14, and '23, and an Alderman of the Borough. His son, John Drewry, Junior, also was an Alderman of the Borough.

The "Derby Mercury," of which "Drewry & Son" were proprietors, was first published March 23rd, 1732, by Samuel Drewry in the Market Place, and was the only paper published in the County until 1823, excepting unsuccessful attempts to establish an opposition paper.

To W. Pike, Dr. "Reporter" Office, Derby.*

Sep. 7, 14, 21, 1826.	Advertisement, Grand Lodge of Freemasons	1	4	0
	Do. Tyrian Lodge ...	1	4	0
Oct. 4, 1827.	Do. 42nd Anniversary, Tyrian Lodge...		8	0
Sep. 22, 1831.	Advertisement, Grand Lodge		8	6

To John Roberts. Printer and Publisher of the "Derbyshire Courier, Chesterfield† Gazette, and Derby, Ashbourne, Alfreton, Bakewell, Wirksworth, Scarsdale, High Peak, and General County Advertiser."

Oct. 2, 1830.	Adv'g Derbyshire Courier, Provincial Grand Lodge		9	0

The By-Laws referred to in Drury and Son's account for 1825 are the earliest printed edition we have. They are prefaced by a Declaration.

> "We, the members of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 475, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, do hereby pledge ourselves strictly to comply with, and maintain the following Rules, By-Laws, and Regulations, and all such Rules and Regulations, as shall hereafter be made by authority of this Lodge, consistent with the Constitution and the United Grand Lodge of England, which are fully acknowledged."

OFFICERS

of the Tyrian Lodge for 1825.

Geo. Fritche, Esq. .....W.M.

John Foss .....P.M.

* The "Derby Reporter" commenced on January 1, 1823.

† The "Derbyshire Courier" commenced on January 5, 1828.

Henry Bakewell Bassano .....S.W.
Francis Huggins .....J.W.
*Rev. Charles Stead Hope } .....Chaplains.
Rev. Randall Rawlins }
John Thomas Swanwick .....Secretary.
Joseph Humpston .....Treasurer.
Charles Thane .....Mas. Cer.
Mydhope William Symons .....S.D.
Francis Robinson.....J.D.
Samuel Gribble .....I.G.
†John Slynn .....Tyler.

The By-Laws required the Secretary to keep an account of all monies received and paid, and the Treasurer to receive all fees and subscriptions, and pay all demands when ordered by the W.M., also his book of accounts to be open during Lodge hours for inspection by the Brethren. (6 and 7.)

Brethren were ineligible to vote or hold any office until they had paid the annual subscription. (10.)

The W.M. was to be nominated and balloted for. (11.)

The Master of the Tavern or House at which the Lodge was held was ineligible for election to any office in the Lodge, and was not to hold any property of the Lodge in his possession. (18.)

And any Brother or Brethren divulging the proceedings of the Lodge to any individual unless to a Subscribing Member was to forfeit 5s., and for a second offence to be suspended. (23.)

* The Rev. Chas. S. Hope was one of the first initiates of the Lodge (April 5th, 1785). The pedigree of the Hopes of Derby is given in Glover's His. of Derby (p. 585-6), and there is a footnote—"It appears that the first of the family who settled at Derby was John Hope, M.D. (1665-1710), whose eldest son, William (1701-1776), was also a physician, and was grandfather of the Rev. Chas. Stead Hope, who was five times Mayor of Derby. John, a grandson of the first physician, was also four times Mayor of Derby."

† Should be "Slinn."

A number of Banners, emblazoned with Coats of Arms, were presented to the Lodge by prominent personages, members of the Lodge, in 1824, '25, and '26, and there are accounts preserved giving details of the charges for the materials—silk, bullion tassels and fringe, imperial cord, brass standards, etc.—also copies of accounts rendered as follows:—

Bache Heathcote	4	10	6
Earl of Harrington (P.Prov.G.M.).....	4	10	6
John Beaumont (D.Prov.G.M.)	9	14	0
Sir Robert Mead Wilmot, Bart.....	3	15	8
Lord Scarsdale	4	10	6
Earl Howe	2	15	8
*Lieut. Col. Richard Archdale	9	5	6

On May 1st, 1826, the Duke of Devonshire's agent—Bro. George Spencer Ridgeway wrote:—

> I am requested by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire to send to the Tyrian Lodge a Masonic Banner as a present from his Grace to Lodge.
>
> The Banner being now at Chatsworth I have given direction to have it forwarded to Derby immediately.

This elicited the following from the Lodge:—

> My Lord Duke,
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> The members of the Tyrian Lodge have, on several occasions, had the honour to address your Grace for the kindness and attention which your Grace has so conspicuously shown for a series of years to this Lodge, and for your anxious endeavours to promote the interests of Freemasonry; but perhaps never on so interesting an occasion as on presenting these

* The artist's account for painting this Banner—Bro. William Cordon—was four guineas. Bro. Cordon was for some time employed as an apprentice at the Derby China Works.

our humble and heartfelt thanks to your Grace: for the Noble Gift of the most magnificent and splendid Banner ever seen in this part of the Kingdom: and the more they look upon it, the more they regret that it was not first unfurled on the occasion of laying the Ceremonial Stone of the intended New Church in Derby (St. John's) in Grand Masonic order, but that offer having been declined, the Town and County will be deprived of witnessing one of the Grandest and most interesting spectacles which the foundation of so noble a structure deserves, and which we conceive would have impressed on the minds of the Spectators that awe and veneration which the erection of so Sacred a Pile requires.

The Tyrian Lodge beg leave to congratulate your Grace on your appointed Embassy to Russia to represent our Most Gracious Sovereign and Grand Patron at the Coronation of the Emperor of all the Russians, and to offer their earnest prayers for your Grace's safety during your visit to your August Friends, and that you may long live to enjoy those honours you so highly deserve and so nobly support.

In conclusion, they again offer their humble thanks, and ask permission to subscribe themselves

Your Grace's

Most Obliged and Devoted Humble Servants,

Signed by order of

the Lodge, 4 May, 1826.

G. FRITCHE, W.M.
H. B. BASSANO, S.W.
FRAS. HUGGINS, S.W.

The following copy of letter indicates the *modus operandi* for obtaining the Banners:—

Tyrian Lodge, No. 475. Derby.
16th January, 1826.

May it please your Lordship,

A short time before the sudden indisposition of Viscount Tamworth, our late highly respected D.P.G.M., his Lordship wrote to the Tyrian Lodge on Masonic business, and as a mark of his peculiar favour said that he should present us with a Banner of his Arms. The fatal termination of that indisposition has deprived us of so gratifying a mark of his favour: but it has emboldened us to write to your Lordship to say that we shall esteem it a great honour and condecension if your Lordship would fulfil the noble Viscount's intention. We have been favoured with banners from the following distinguished members of our Lodge, viz.:—

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire
The Marquis of Hartington
The Right Hon. Earl Howe
The Right Hon. Lord Scarsdale
Sir Rob't Mead Wilmot, Bart.
Bache Heathcote, Esq.
John Beaumont, Esq.
Rev. R. Randall Rawlins
Lieut. Col. Richard Archdall

And shall feel very proud of seeing his Lordship's banner ranged with them as a memorial of his attachment to the Lodge.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,
J. T. SWANWICK.

To the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers.

Another letter, which also refers to other items, is as follows:—

Dear Sir & Brother

I fear it will not be in my power to attend the Chapter on the 28 of September my Engagements at this place will prevent me that pleasure be assured if I can come I will as it will at all time afford me pleasure to shew every Respect in my power to the Brethren of Derby

I will endeavour to get the Banner done by the time I wished & will send a Person over to Lord Scarsdale for the same a Provincial Grand Master I have right to have a Banner in the Lodge but the same as that of L Scarsdales I will send Letter with the Man that is to paint it

Sam Dear Sir & Brother
Yours Fraternally
Fenwick
P G M
for Warwickshire

Stuarton Herald
August 31st 1829

Tyrian Lodge, No. 475, Derby.

May it please your Lordship,

The members of the Tyrian Lodge hope you will excuse them taking the liberty of writing to you, especially as they never had the honour of your name as a subscribing member; but having exerted themselves lately in the purchase of a new Canopy, Jewels, furniture, and other ornaments for the Lodge, as well as having received several handsome and highly gratifying presents, especially in banners from the following Noblemen and Gentlemen:—

The Right Hon. the Earl of Harrington, P.G.M.
The Right Hon. Earl Howe
The Right Hon. Lord Scarsdale
Sir Rob't Wilmot, Bart.
Bache Heathcote, Esq.
Rev'd Rd. Randall Rawlins

And a promise of a Banner from His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, P.G.M.
Hon. Washington Shirley, P.G.M.
John Beaumont, Esq.
Edward Ward, Esq.

They are desirous to make it as splendid a Lodge as any in the County, therefore most respectfully but humbly request the honour of your Lordship's Banner as a memorial of your numerous virtues; and their great esteem of your Character.

With much respect, we have the honour to subscribe ourselves,

Your most Obedt. Humble Servants,

Signed in the name and)
on behalf of the Lodge.)

P.S. —We hope you will excuse us adding that, should you condescend to honour us with your Ban-

ner as Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, it should be emblazoned on deep garter blue silk, about four feet square (to correspond with the others), trimmed with gold fringe, and attached to the Cross pole by a gold cord and tassels; but if only as a Master Mason, the Arms to be emblazoned on *light blue* silk, two feet 9 inches square, and trimmed with silver fringe, etc. T. W. COKE, Esq.

To Marquis of Hastings.

A somewhat considerable correspondence, June 1825 to April 1826 (much of the phraseology of which I have copied), relates to St. John's Church, Derby.

"The members of the Tyrian Lodge of Free Masons wishing to show every mark of respect and attachment to the King and Constitution in Church and State," applied (June 29th, 1825) to His Majesty's Commissioners for building new Churches, for permission to lay the Foundation Stone of a new church intended to be built in Derby, "having individually contributed very liberally towards its erection," and also "took the liberty to suggest that it might be dedicated to St. John the Evangelist."

A reply was received from Doctors Commons (19th July, 1825), signed "Geo Jenner, Sec'y," that the Board had no objection to the new Church being dedicated as proposed, but they must leave the matter to be settled by the Local Committee, and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Accordingly, a letter was addressed (26th July, 1825) to the Right Rev'd Father in God, Henry Lord Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, requesting that he would accede to the petition of the members of the Lodge, and assuring him "that every mark of respect and decorum should be observed, which the foundation of such a noble and glorious structure deserved."

And another letter was written (Aug. 15th, 1825) to the Most Noble Will'm Spencer, Duke of Devonshire, P.G.M., etc., etc., with which copies of the polite answers received were forwarded, humbly approaching His Lordship to request him to be graciously pleased to condescend to accept their humble petition "that the Ceremonial Stone might be laid in Grand Masonic Order," and requesting that he should "perform the same," and assuring His Grace "that every preparation should be made to avoid giving him trouble." "That the Tyrian Lodge was extremely anxious that it should take place with every degree of splendour possible, being fully convinced that it would very considerably promote the interests of the Science, and especially in the province": that, therefore, they hoped His Lordship "would excuse their referring to his gracious reply of the 21st June, 1824, respecting the new Jewels and Furniture of the Lodge, wherein he was pleased to say 'I shall also like to present the Lodge with some token of my interest and brotherly regard,' and to state that his Grace's Banner upon the present occasion as P.G.M. would be one of the noblest gifts his Lordship could bestow." That it was expected the ceremonial stone would be ready to be laid about the beginning of October, when they would request his Grace "to fix a date most convenient, and invite the Noblemen, Gentlemen, and different Lodges, to meet him accordingly." A concluding paragraph informs His Grace that the Lodge "is removed to Mr. John Webster's, the King's Arms County Tavern."

Then (October 18th, 1825), "W. Newton, Esq., Chairman of the Committee for Building the New Church in Derby," was advised of the correspondence, "and most respectfully solicited to comply with their request."

"The Lodge not having been favoured with a communication from the Church Committee respecting their

application," the Lodge Secretary wrote (Jan. 16th, 1826), he had been requested to wait upon Mr. Newton "to ask if they might expect to be honoured with an official answer, as it would be necessary to have some weeks' notice to make the necessary preparation, as well as to invite the different Lodges in the County and neighbouring Counties. That His Grace the Duke of Devonshire had been making preparation in expectation of its taking place, and only waited the decision of the Committee to allow it to be publicly known."

Following the interview with Mr. Newton, the Lodge Secretary wrote (Jan. 17th, 1826), "he had been reflecting upon the purport of the answer given, and was extremely sorry to find that there should exist any feeling in the Committee inimical to having the first stone laid in Masonic order, because without unanimity and co-operation, it must considerably detract from the harmony of the day: that he could assure him, with the greatest sincerity, that the application to the Committee in London was made from a supposition that they, only, had the power of granting their request; and without the least intention of showing any slight to the Committee in Derby. The name, too, was mentioned quite by accident, and not with any intention of obtruding it on the Committee. He must confess the Lodge felt rather anxious that the ceremony should take place, and he flattered himself that it would not only form a gratifying sight, but also do a little good in the town by the influx of strangers, and hoped that he Mr. Newton) would not desert us, trusting to his superior judgement to bring the Committee to a cordial assent. That it might perhaps not be uninteresting to know, but without any view of raising the brethren in the estimation of the Committee, that the members of the Tyrian Lodge subscribed upwards of £600 towards the erection of the Church."

Then follows a further letter to Mr. Newton (17th April, 1826), communicating the following resolution, and requesting him to lay the same before the Local Committee:—

> At a Special Meeting of the Tyrian Lodge convened to consider the request made by a deputation of the Church Committee to the Worshipful Master, viz.: "That the Committee would feel obliged by the Tyrian Lodge withdrawing their application to lay the Ceremonial Stone of the intended New Church Masonically,
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> It was resolved unanimously, "That since the Committee have expressed the above wish, although His Majesty's Commissioners, and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, had most handsomely given their consent thereto; the Tyrian Lodge most respectfully, but dispassionately, beg leave to decline the *whole* of their application."

The advice to the Provincial Grand Master was as follows:—

Tyrian Lodge, No. 675, Derby.
April 23rd, 1826.

My Lord Duke,

As we have upon all occasions regarding the Welfare and prosperity of Masonry felt it our duty to lay before your Grace whatever may tend to its advancement or injury, we feel ourselves particularly called upon at the present moment to communicate to your Lordship the request of the Local Committee relative to the laying of the Ceremonial Stone of the intended New Church in Derby with Masonic honours.

About nine months since we had the honour to forward to your Grace copy of a letter from His Majesty's Commissioners in London, and also from the

Lord Bishop of this Diocese, expressing in the most handsome and flattering manner their approval of your request, but leaving it to the Local Committee: on the 15th instant a deputation from the Committee waited upon the W.M., G. Fritche, Esq., to request us to withdraw our application for laying the Stone Masonically, but that they would compliment us by dedicating the Church to St. John.

What reason the Committee have for acting thus we are at a loss to conceive, but consequent upon their request a special meeting of the Lodge was called, and a resolution entered into, a copy of which we have the honour to enclose, and hope it will meet with your Grace's approval.

As men and Masons, The Tyrian Lodge have individually subscribed (including your Grace's donation) upwards of £600, and it is with great regret they cannot, as they had wished, show their attachment to the Constitution and respect to your Grace, by attending upon so sacred and solemn an occasion, but though they are not considered (in the present instance) a necessary body to rear so sacred a pile, they trust they may at some future period be enabled to show that attachment.

We have the honour to be,
My Lord Duke,
Your Grace's Most Obed't and Devoted Servants.
Signed in the name and by)
command of the Lodge.)

The following letter was a week too late:—

Repton,
Monday, April 24th, 1826.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Since I had the pleasure of an interview with you on Friday last I have thought a great deal about the

conversation we had respecting the ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of your intended new Church—and believing your next Lodge to be to-morrow night I have just written to say if *you have not withdrawn the application*, I think it would be much better to pause until we have the preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Mr. John Beaumont is a Gentleman of some weight in the County, and more particularly so since his marriage with the Hon. Miss Curzon, and perhaps something may transpire to satisfy the minds of the *most fastidious* of the Local Committee that our ceremony, if it should take place, will be "most solemn and most sacred," and which I think is all that can be desired on their part. As to the name of the Church I would let them know at once this was not of the least consequence to the Lodge.

I have written this my good friend in the greatest haste, as our post is waiting, and therefore do not wish you to shew the contents to anyone but consult your own feelings as to the propriety of withdrawing the application. I well know the public mind is completely on tiptoe to expect the Stone to be laid in Masonic Form, and as the ceremony is not likely to take place for the present, you will better judge *whether, or not*, to withdraw the application.

In great haste, I am, my Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

GEORGE MUGLISTON.

Mr. J. T. Swanwick.

The next letter, dated 10 Dec., 1826, shows that those of "the fastidious public" were sufficiently informed as to the "respectability" of Freemasonry:—

To the Rev'd C. S. Hope, Prov. G. Chap. for Derbyshire.

Rev. Sir and Brother,

The Members of the Tyrian Lodge ever anxious to shew that respect and attachment which they feel for you as the Father of our highly respectable Society, and as the firm supporter of its Rights & Interests, have deputed us to wait upon you personally to declare their heart-felt thanks for the firmness with which you expressed the sentiments of the Lodge on a late occasion; and also for the able manner in which you have advocated their cause in your excellent sermon delivered at the Installation of our Deputy Prov. G.M. John Beaumont, Esq.

They also thank you for the readiness with which you promised them a copy of that sermon, and the oration delivered at the funeral of the late Viscount Tamworth who had held that important office.

That you may live long to enjoy the honour you so highly merit is the constant prayer of your affectionate Brothers the Members of the Tyrian Lodge.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE CHURCH FUND, 1825.

	£	s.	d.
John Wright	5	5	0
J. J. Humpstone	10	0	0
M. Harvey	10	0	0
R. Moseley	5	5	0
D. P. Coke	50	0	0
C. S. Hope	21	0	0
J. Whitehurst	5	0	0
J. Whitehurst, Jun'r	5	0	0
J. Drewry	10	10	0
H. Hadley	10	0	0
S. Fox, Jun'r	5	0	0

Chatsworth Octr 20
1826

Brother

I have received your letter of the 18th Instant and I lose no time in conveying to you my approbation of the reappointment of our worthy brother George Fritche to the chair of the Tyrian Lodge this year.

I have the honor to be

Yr faithful servt & brother

Devonshire

T. Bowmer	5	5	0
T. Richardson	5	5	0
H. Bassano	5	5	0
F. Huggins	3	0	0
W. Potter	1	1	0
S. Willdea	1	0	0
W. Hall	3	3	0
Bridgen	5	5	0
T. Atherstone	1	1	0
J. T. Swanwick	1	0	0
G. Fritche	5	5	0
J. Hall	3	3	0
S. Poyser	10	0	0
W. C. Mousley	10	0	0
Lord Scarsdale	50	0	0
B. Heathcote	10	0	0
Duke of Devonshire	300	0	0
Sir R. Wilmot	20	0	0
G. Hood	5	0	0
W. Stevens	5	0	0
T. Eyre	2	2	0
W. M. Symons	5	5	0
	£594	0	0

On May 3, 1824, a letter was written to the Right Hon. Viscount Tamworth, Deputy P.G. Master for the Province, stating the wish of the Lodges in the Province to have a Provincial Grand Lodge called every three years, "and afterwards to proceed to All Saints' Church, in Grand Masonic Order, to hear Divine Service." It was also submitted for approval, that the Lodges should be summoned to meet in September in the New Assembly Room.

Reference, too, was made to the Tyrian Lodge having been supplied with a new canopy, furniture, and jewels,

"to make it as splendid a Lodge as any in the Country," and a request was made for "a banner of his Lordship's Arms."

A file of supper accounts furnish useful and corroborative information:—

An account dated Aug. 24th, 1824, is headed "Talbot Inn (No. 25 Iron Gate), Derby," and is receipted by Thos. Wilder.

In the Supper accounts between 1824 and 1834 one item regularly appears, "Two bowls of Punch, £1 1s.," and there is a uniform charge for Supper of 2s. per head, anniversaries excepted.

The next account, dated Aug. 24th, 1825, is headed "King's Arms Tavern, Derby," and is receipted for John Webster by Wm. Webster; then follow receipts by (Mrs.) M. A. Webster, then by Selina Webster from August 28th, 1827, to Feb. 26th, 1828. The average number of brethren catered for was twelve—highest number eighteen, lowest eight—excepting the anniversary banquets.

The account for the anniversary banquet, Oct 31st, 1825, is for 34 dinners, 4s. each, 18 bottles of port at 5s., 24 sherry at 5s. 6d., 6 bowls of punch £3 3s., rum for John Slin (Tyler), 4s., etc., etc., total £24. Another account in connection with this anniversary is for the Duke of Devonshire's Keeper, dinner, etc., breakfast, horse, hay, and corn.

It had been, and is still the practice of the Dukes of Devonshire since they have held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire (1814), to present the Tyrian

[COPY]

Tyrian Lodge, Derby, No. 475.

October 1825

Hon. Sir and Brother,

I have great pleasure in informing you that the 40th Anniversary of the Tyrian Lodge will take place on Monday the 31st instant, at the King's Arms County Tavern, when the honour of your Company, and that of any Brother you may be acquainted with, will be much esteemed.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Your's faithfully,

G. FRITCHE, W. M.

To

N. B. The Lodge will be opened for dispatch of business at 12 at noon, and dinner on the table at 4 p. m.

Lodge with a buck from Chatsworth Park for its anniversary banquet.

The Lodge summons for this—its 40th—meeting was issued by the W.M., G. Fritche, "for the dispatch of business at 12 at noon, and dinner on the table at 4 p.m." The meeting was also advertised in the local papers.

Bro. Fitche's appointment as W.M. in 1825 was prefaced by the following letter from the Secretary of the Lodge to the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. G.M.:—

Oct. 18th, 1825.

May it please your Grace,

At the earnest solicitation of the Lodge our highly worthy Brother and Worshipful Master, Geo. Fritche, Esq., (whose unwearied exertions to promote the interests of Masonry, and particularly of our Lodge, have been incessant), has been prevailed upon to take the Chair for the *third* year, but such being contrary to the rules of the Grand Lodge without your Grace's approbation, I am requested by the Lodge humbly to ask your approval of his appointment.

and the following reply:—

Oct. 20th, 1825.

Brother,

I have received your letter of the 18th instant, and I lose no time in conveying to you my approbation of the re-appointment of our worthy brother George Fritche to the chair of the Tyrian Lodge this year.

I have the honor to be,

Y'r faithful serv't and brother,

Devonshire.

A letter dated Newstead Oct. 26, 1825, from Thos. Wildman, P.G.M. (Notts.), says "Accept my thanks for your obliging invitation to the 40th Anniversary of the Tyrian Lodge on Monday, the 31st inst., of which, I lament to say, the death of a near Relative will prevent my having the pleasure to avail myself."

On Nov. 7th, 1825, a letter was written to the Grand Secretaries, by Bro. Swanwick:—

> His Grace the Duke of Devonshire having expressed a wish that John Beaumont, Esq., should be his Deputy for this Province, I have great pleasure in informing you that Brother Beaumont was regularly raised to the S.D. of a M.M., and passed the Chair, on Monday, the 31st ultimo, and I have no doubt but you will receive a communication from the P.G.L. in a few days on the subject.
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> Initiated Sept. 28th, 1809.
> Passed October 7th, 1816.
> Raised October 31st, 1825.
> Passed the Chair.

Then follows a letter, dated Dec'r 18th, 1825, from Bro. Swanwick to the Duke of Devonshire:—

> I have this day the honour to forward the Patent for the appointment of the R.W. the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the letters to the different Lodges, and I hope your Lordship will not think I have worded them in too familiar a style. Your Grace will be pleased to date them at the time of signature. On the other side I have added the address of each. In conclusion permit me to thank your Grace for the honour you have conferred upon me, and to assure your Lordship that I shall always be most happy to obey any commands you may be pleased to issue.

The Duke of Devonshire will be very much obliged to the Secretary of the Tyrian Lodge to send him the letters in form to the different Lodges in Derbyshire to inform them of the Appointment of Brother John Beaumont as Deputy Grand Master.

The Duke not being aware of the exact forms of writing on such an occasion thinks that it will be much better executed by the Secretary, on a reference to the books, and he will affix his signature to the letters and forward them to the Lodges, and also one to the Grand Secretaries in London.

He begs that the letters may be sent to him at Devonshire House London.

Chatsworth Dec 7 1825

On Dec'r 26, 1825, the R. Hon. Nathaniel, 2nd Lord Scarsdale (a Joining Member of the Lodge, July 24, 1810), wrote, "As my health does not permit me to attend the duties of the Lodge, and as my sons being at home at the time is very uncertain, I should be sorry that you should give yourself the trouble (thinking it unnecessary) of sending a regular Summons. I am, Sir, with great Truth, Y'r ob'd't humble S't, Scarsdale."

The Tyrian Records of the Curzon family are as follows:—

Nathaniel 2nd Lord Scarsdale. Joined July 24, 1810.
Hon. Ed. Curzon (Captain R. N.). Initiated Sept. 25, 1815.
*Hon. Richard Wm. Penn Curzon, Initiated July 14, 1821 (Created Earl Howe of Gopsall.)
Hon. Augustus Curzon (Major). Joined Oct. 7, 1816.
Hon. Francis Curzon. Joined Nov. 29, 1825.

The Lodge summons for the 41st anniversary—Sep. 26th, 1826—announces that by command of the W.M. elect (Hon. Major Curzon) a Prov. Grand Lodge for Derbyshire will be held at the King's Arms Tavern, Derby, for the installation of the Prov. D.G.M. (John Beaumont, Esq.), and the Tyrian Lodge also proposes to celebrate their Anniversary. Prov. G. L. to be opened at half-past nine, A.M., and the Craft L. as soon as the provincial is closed. Dinner 5 o'clock P.M., J. T. Swanwick, Secretary.

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* The Right Hon. Earl Howe was passed in the Lodge of St. John, Leicester, Sept. 20, 1821, raised at the following meeting, and then was elected a member of that Lodge. He was installed as W.M. December 27, 1822, appointed Senior G.W. (England) 1829, Provincial Grand Master, Warwickshire, 1843, and of Leicestershire and Rutland, June 18, 1856 (installed Nov. 18, 1856). He resigned the latter position, owing to failing health, Dec. 3, 1869 *(also see Kelly's His. Leicestershire, p. 72)*.

The anniversary banquet account is for 58 dinners, 15 b. of port, 30 sherry, 10 bowls of punch, etc., etc. £34 3s. 5d. There are also supplementary accounts for meals, etc. for the Duke of Devonshire's Keeper, and Lord Scarsdale's Keeper and Gardeners.

Draft advertisements for insertion in the newspapers already referred to in the printers' accounts) are as follows:—

Derbyshire Provincial Grand Lodge of
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

The Masters and Past Masters are respectfully informed that a Provincial Grand Lodge for this Province will be held at the King's Arms County Tavern, in Derby on Tuesday the 26th of Sept. inst., for the Installation of the Prov. D.G.M.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, P.G.M.
John Beaumont, Esq., P.D.G.M.
Rev'd C. S. Hope, Prov. G. Chaplain

N.B.—The P.G.L. will be opened at half-past nine o'clock a.m.

Tyrian Lodge, No. 475, Derby.

The 41st Anniversary of the above L. will be celebrated at the King's Arms Tavern, on Tuesday, the 26th of Sep't inst., to which all Regularly initiated Brethren are respectfully invited.

Hon. Augustus Curzon, W.M.
Hon. Edward Curzon, S.W.
Hon. Francis Curzon, J.W.
Rev'd R. R. Rawlins, Chaplain.

N.B.—The Lodge will be opened as soon as the Prov. Grand Lodge is closed.

Dinner on table at 5 o'clock.

Shadlesbro
Decr 26th
1825

Sir

In reply to your favor I beg to say, that as my health does not permit me to attend the duties of the Lodge, and as my sons being at home at the time is very uncertain I should be sorry that you should give yourself the trouble (thinking it unnecessary) of sending a regular monthly summons.

I am Sir
with great truth
Yr obdt. humble Sr.
Scarsdale

It will be noticed there were three members of the same family (brothers) occupying the three principal Chairs in the Lodge. It was "most respectfully requested by the Brethren of the Lodge, *that they would condescend* to fill the three principal situations, *the duties of which would at any time (as necessary) be performed by the present officers.*"

The brethren attended a special service at All Saints' Church, at 11 a.m.,* preceded by the Derbyshire Militia Band. An account from W. Abbott, Royal Oak Inn, Market Place, Derby, in connection with this event, is for "Band of Music: dinners 12s., ale, porter, and tobacco 11s. 9d.," and items are added after the total "Shakespeare 3s. 9d., Band £2 2s."

There are copies of letters, Oct. 25th, 1826, to Lord Scarsdale, "I have the honour to convey to your Lordship the heartfelt thanks of the Tyrian Lodge for the condescension and attention they have ever received from your Lordship, and especially for the handsome present of a side of venison, game, and fruit for their last anniversary. Your Lordship's Most obedient humble servant, J. T. Swanwick," and to Capt. Dixon, "I am requested by the Tyrian Lodge to present their thanks to you for the kindness with which you allowed the Band and part of the Staff to attend them on the 26th ult., at the celebration of the Installation of the Prov. D.G. Master."

There is a letter dated "Leicester, Sep'r 23, 1826," signed "Thos. Cook," who, I believe, was an architect, and must not be mistaken for the "Thos. Cook" (Leicester), of

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* See T. Lee's Notes, p. 25.

Messrs. T. Cook & Son, the world-renowned Tourist Agents. When I was a boy in Leicester I knew this latter gentleman. Unfortunately neither he, nor his son Mr. J. M. Cook, was a Freemason. The son was an "Empire Builder" in his day, and was absolutely the most capable business man I ever knew, and I state this from a close personal acquaintance with him.

(*Copy of letter.*)

Worshipful Sir and Bro.,

By command of the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, I state that he regrets (and indeed many of us regret) that we are precluded the honor of being with you on the 26th. It is unfortunate, inasmuch as the cavalry will be in training, and most of our Members who would have been likely to attend are attached to that body. However, should you do us the honor of an invitation next year I hope some will attend. With best wishes to your welfare as Masons.

I have the honour to be W. Sir and Bro.

Yours fraternally,

Thos. Cook,

Sec'y and M.C.

The Worshipful Master
of the Tyrian Lodge,
King's Head Tavern, Derby.

It is a letter I shall refer to again.

Another letter is:—

Kedleston, Oct'r 7, 1826.

Brother Secretary,

I hereby authorise you to issue the necessary and usual Summonses for the assembling of the Tyrian

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Tyrian Lodge, No. 475, *Derby,*
Sept. 12*th,* 1826.

Hon. Sir and Brother,

I have the honour to inform you, by command of the W. M. elect (the Hon. Major Curzon) that a Prov. Grand Lodge for Derbyshire will be held at the King's Arms Tavern, Derby, on Tuesday the 26*th inst. for the installation of the Prov. D. G. M. (John Beaumont Esq.) and also that the Tyrian Lodge purpose to celebrate their Anniversary on that day, when the honour of your company will be much esteemed.*

I have the honour to be
Your obedient humble Servant,
J. T. Swanwick,
Secretary.

N. B. You are requested to appear in full Masonic clothing, with all your Jewels, &c.

The Prov. G. L. to be opened at half past nine, A. M. and the Craft L. as soon as the Provincial is closed.

Dinner on table at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge on all occasions when the good of the Craft shall require it.

N. Curzon, W.M.

To Brother,

J. T. Swanwick, Secretary, etc.

A return of the Members of the Tyrian Lodge, Sept., 1825, to Sept., 1826, was forwarded to the Grand Secretary on May 3rd, 1827, "together with £4 5s. towards the Fund of Benevolence and £7 3s. 6d. for Register fees and Certificates. Total £11 8s. 6d." Application was also made for certificates for Sam Gribble, Geo. Hodgkinson, Will'm Cordon, Octavius Oakley, and Col. Archdall, and a Book of Constitution for J. Beaumont, Esq., P.D.G.M., and price thereof.

Edw. Harper, G.S., acknowledged receipt on May 12th of the return, and the remittance £11 8s. 6d., and forwarded the five Certificates required, and explained that "the Book of Constitution being out of print, another edition is in the press and may shortly be expected to be completed."

An account "Cash given to Masons on Lodge a/c, Nov., 1825, to Sep., 1826," includes thirty items, and totals £1 10s. 6d.

A communication "To the W.M. or any of the Officers of the Lodge who may attend this evening at the King's Arms Tavern—Saturday, Jan'y 27, 1827, says:—

> I have no doubt you would be much surprised at my leaving the Lodge so abruptly on Tuesday Evening particularly at such a moment—But as it has been my maxim through life thus far, not to do any Person harm If I did not wish to do them any particular Good.

There is one circumstance in Old J. Slinn's latter conduct which I cannot look over, which is this. Slinn procured the wood, etc., etc., for our two grand Columns of a Brother under the sacred Pledge of taking the money so soon as it was rec'd from the Lodge, this Pledge he has forfeited, and our two Shining Ornaments are not clearly our own.

If the Lodge will take the case into consideration and subscribe, my half-crown is ready—I don't know the exact sum, but understand it is upwards of Twenty Shillings. J. Foss.

P.S.—Finding it out of my power to attend this evening I have wrote, *in haste*, the above.

(Pencil endorsement.)

I have sent you this up to look at, and to request you not to give Slinn any more money until some further arrangement has been made.

J. T. Swanwick.

A memorandum of an "Xm'n" of John Slynn (Tyler), "Acknowledges owing Mr. Adin 15s. 6d. and will swear it is not a greater amount.

Remembers the time the debt was contracted, it was for Wood of which he made a large Ironing Table and a clothes Horse for Garratts in St. Mary's Gate, who at that time washed, etc., for J. Beaumont, Esq.,—that they left the town shortly afterwards without payment, except a few shillings on a/c.,—cannot positively say the amount rec'd but *verily* believes it did not exceed 3s.

That not a *Shaving* has been used of the said wood for the T.L.—That Mr. Adin had no wood (or ever had) suitable for that purpose, but that the Base of the Pillars were bought at Mr. Richards' and the other part of a Millwright, both of which were paid for before delivery."

Kedlerton Oct. 7th
1826

Brother Secretary

I hereby authorise you to issue the necessary & usual summonses for the assembling of the Ignoran Lodge on all occasions when the good of the Craft shall require it.

A. Curzon W. M.

To Brother
J. T. Swanwick.
Secretary &c

Then comes Slynn's own explanation. "To Mr. Bassano, Derby, Feb'y 2, 1827."

> The last wood I bought of Mr. Adin came to 13s. 0d., and 2s. 6d. I left unpaid of the last wood I had bought of him, which made 15s. 6d. This is all I owe Mr. Adin. I made out of this wood a large ironing table with a fall leaf, and two fly feet, and a clothes horse.—This is the whole truth.
>
> John Slynn.

At this period it is evident from the correspondence and accounts preserved, that effort was made to perfect the appointments of the Lodge, and to ensure a continuance of its efficiency, also its attractiveness to visitors as well as to its members.

An account, which only has the date upon which it was receipted, "Jan'y 25th, 1827," is for blue and purple ribbons, gold lace, silk cord for banner, etc., and

4 Stewards Aprons (8s. 6d. each)			
F(ine) kid, bound with double ribbon	1	14	0
2 Stewards Aprons (7s. each)			
L'b skin, bound with double ribbon	0	14	0
14 Collars (2s. 9d. each)			
17½ yds scarlet ribbon at 2s., making 3d. each, with ribbons and buttons	1	18	6
Tyler's Belt and roseate			
7 yards at 5d., making 3d.	0	3	2
2 p'r Slippers	0	6	0

There is also a "Draft for establishment of a Provincial Fund," which is without date, but is a contemporary document:—

That each subscribing member to the different Lodges in the Province do pay one shilling a year to the Provincial Fund, to be collected by the different Masters of the Lodges, or paid out of their respective funds.

That each new Initiated Brother do pay 2s. 6d. to the said fund in addition to his sub. of 1s. a year.

Beaumont.	Goodhead.
F. Curzon.	Willder.
R. C. Pole.	G. Mugliston.
Bassano.	R. Ordish.
Thane.	J. Smith.
Gribble.	W. M. Briggs.
Swanwick.	T. Bradford.
Atherstone.	W. Parker.
Fritche.	G. Gilbert.
Huggins.	W. Bradford.

A letter, dated "Kedleston, Jan'y 24th, 1827," from the Hon. Major Augustus Curzon, says he is about to proceed to the Continent, and he thinks it right to apprise the Lodge of it, but his absence will probably not exceed three or four months. In another letter, dated Oct. 5th, 1827, with which he forwarded his Lodge subscription, and expressed regret at not being able to attend the ensuing Anniversary, he says "I did not return (from abroad) until June, and a few days afterwards I was attacked with the illness under which I am still labouring, and which has prevented my attending the Lodge since the Brothers did me the honour to elect me its Master, and I trust the explanation of my apparent neglect of the high office is to the satisfaction of the Brothers."

The correspondence at this time includes letters which are curious reading after so long a period. One dated

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Tyrian Lodge, No. 475, *Derby,*

Brother,

You are requested to attend the duties of your Lodge on Tuesday the day of

182 *at seven o'clock,* P. M.

By order of the W. M.

J. T. SWANWICK,

Secretary.

"Wardwick, 2nd Jan'y, 1827," is from Wm. Smith (a Surveyor), who says, "I regret my office engagements prevent my attending the Lodge this evening, which I hope will not prevent my being ballotted for."

Another letter, dated "Longford Vicarage, Feb'y 19, 1827," from Mr. Lowther (written in the 3rd person), expresses regret that "owing to the shortness of the notice he will be unable to attend for the purposes mentioned."

And another dated "Arnold Cottage, Feb. 19th, 1827," from John Hall (entered on the Lodge roll as John Hall, Esq.), says, "with regard to my subscription I shall at all times feel proud to pay it, but the amount being so great I am afraid to trust it in anyone's hands, and hope ere long to present it myself."

On 17 Mar., 1827, Geo. Cartwright, of Nottingham, writes, "it is improbable I shall be able to attend the Lodge and I shall feel obliged if my name is erased."

March 29th, 1827. Philip Gell, of Hopton—who subsequently became Deputy Prov. Grand Master—wrote, "I shall make a point of attending for the purpose of taking the first degree in Freemasonry, and I beg the favour of being informed where to find the Lodge, and whether I should appear in any particular dress on the occasion." Then follows a draft letter by the Secretary of the Lodge, "June 2nd, 1827,"* to the Grand Secretary, enclosing a one pound Bank of England note, and requesting a certificate for Philip Gell, of Hopton, Esq., D.C.L., "who has taken his degrees in our Lodge as follows:—Initiated April 3rd, 1827, Passed May 1st, Raised May 31st, 1827," also explaining that Mr. Gell is going to the Continent.

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* Also see copy of letter, Oct. 10, 1827, to Jno. N. Gell.

A John Andrew, of Wirksworth, wrote on "25th June, 1827, an unavoidable engagement at home prevents my attending at Derby." And on 8th Oct., 1827, "I have to attend a meeting of Magistrates to-morrow, otherwise sho'd have gladly availed myself of the opportunity of being initiated." His name does not appear on the Lodge roll, presumably therefore other circumstances arose which prevented his becoming a member of the Lodge.

The Rev. Reginald Pole, M.A., Radbourne (whose Brother, Edward S. Chandos Pole was a joining member of the Lodge), writes July 13, 1827, "I have great pleasure in adding my name to the Brethren who are forwarding a tribute of their regard to the highly respected Master of our Lodge, and I have no less pleasure in saying that E. S. Pole is equally anxious to put his name down to the same praiseworthy intent."

A letter from the latter, dated "Radborne, Sep'r 29, 1827," reads, "Mr. Chandos Pole has to inform Mr. Swanwick that Mr. J. N. Gell, who was proposed on a former occasion, wishes to be initiated on the ninth of October. Will there be any difficulty on account of forms not observed, etc?"

(Mr. John Nicholas Gell was brother to Philip Gell, of Hopton, and was initiated Aug. 28, 1827.)

The following letters refer to an anticipated visit of the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex.*

Tyrian Lodge 475, Derby.
1 Oct'r, 1827.

R.W. Sir and Br.,

I must apologise for troubling you again so recently after the invitation to our annual Festival;

* H.R.H. visited the Nottingham Lodges in September, 1833.

Mr. Chandos-Pole begs to express his warmest thanks to the Tyrian Lodge, for the honour it has done him in allowing him to be a subscribing member.

Radborne

Jan 21 1826

but at a meeting of the Officers of the Lodge on Saturday Night it was stated that his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex was coming on a visit to you early in the month.

I am directed therefore to say *if you are of opinion* his Royal Highness would not think it presumptuous in us inviting our Most Worshipful Master to honour us with his presence, we shall esteem it a particular favour and condescention in you intimating our wishes to His Highness.

Should it be convenient to his Royal Highness to condescend to honour the Lodge we shall feel obliged by the earliest information, that we may inform his Grace the Duke of Devonshire and Earls Ferrers and Howe.

I must again apologise for the trouble I am giving you, and ask permission to subscribe myself

Your Most Obed't Humble Serv't,

Jno. Thos. Swanwick, Prov. G. Sec'y.

To Col. Wyldman,

Prov. G.M. for Nottingham.

Tyrian Lodge, Derby, No. 475.

28th, April, 1828.

May it please your Royal Highness,

The Members of the Tyrian Lodge having been informed that your R.H. is expected to honour Staunton Harold and Newstead Abbey with your presence in the course of next Autumn; most respectfully beg leave to approach your R.H. to solicite your further condescention, by honouring the Tyrian Lodge with your presence at their next Anniversary, which has generally been held in September.

Should this humble request fortunately meet with your R.H.'s approbation, the earliest intimation will be thankfully acknowledged in order that every preparation may be made to receive the Grand Master of England with becoming honour.

With every sentiment of duty and attachment to your R.H., and an assurance of our continued endeavour to promote the welfare of our Order.

We have the honour to subscribe ourselves

Your Royal Highness's

Most faithful humble and obed't Servants,

J. T. Swanwick.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge.

A letter dated August 27, 1827, was written to the Hon. Francis Curzon, "the Tyrian Lodge ask if you will honor them by accepting the Chair for the ensuing year; the members will take care to officiate for you so that you need not be put to any inconvenience, should it not be convenient for you to attend any other meeting than the Anniversary."

Another letter was written at the same time to the D. Prov. G.M., "As our Anniversary is fast approaching, I write to ask if it is your pleasure to call a Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held that day. Our Anniversary has been generally held on September 25, but as that day is always a busy day at Chesterfield, Ashby, and Leicester, it has been suggested to defer it a fortnight. The brethren will be governed entirely by your recommendation, and, as the Duke of Devonshire is likely to be at Chatsworth, if you think we might be honored by his presence we should feel obliged by your communicating with his Grace."

The following draft of a letter, addressed to the Hon. Francis Curzon, supplies the result:—"25 Sept., 1827.

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Tyrian Lodge, No. 475, *Derby,*
Sept. 25*th*, 1827.

Hon. Sir and Brother,

I have the honour to inform you, by command of the W. M. elect (The Hon. Francis Curzon) that a Prov. Grand Lodge for Derbyshire will be held at the King's-Arms Tavern, Derby, on Tuesday the 9th of October; and also that the Tyrian Lodge purpose to celebrate their 42d Anniversary on that day, when the honour of your company will be much esteemed.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient humble Servant,
J. T. SWANWICK,
Secretary.

N.B. The Prov. Grand Lodge to be opened at 12 *at noon precisely, and the Craft Lodge as soon as the Provincial is closed.*

Dinner on Table at 5 *P. M.*

Hon'd Sir and Bro. I have the honor to inform you that the Prov. D.G.M. has ordered me to summon a Prov. G. Lodge to meet at Derby on the 9th October at 12 at noon, and that the Tyrian Lodge proposes to celebrate their 42nd Anniversary on that date, which they hope will be convenient to you. I have therefore prepared the usual summons in a similar manner that we did last year when Major Curzon did us the honor to take the Chair, which I hope will meet with your approbation. P.S. We shall prepare the usual desert, but if you will have the kindness to send one or two articles from Kedleston for the head of the table the Lodge will feel obliged. They had perhaps better be sent to my house."

A draft copy of an advertisement for the Lodge meeting is as follows:—

"Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire. The Masters and Past Masters are respectfully informed that a Provincial Grand Lodge for this Province will be held at the King's Arms Tavern, Derby, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., and that the Tyrian Lodge purpose to celebrate their 42nd Anniversary on that day, to which Festival the Brethren are respectfully invited.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. G.M.

John Beaumont, Esq., Prov. D.G.M.

The Hon. Fras. Curzon, Prov. G.J.D., W.M.

The Prov. Grand Lodge will be opened at 12 o'clock precisely, and the Tyrian as soon as the Provincial is closed.

N.B. Dinner on table at 5 p.m."

The printers' accounts show that this advertisement appeared in the *Derby Mercury*, and the *Derby Reporter*.

The banquet account was for 39 dinners, and includes, besides port and sherry, "Bucellars £4 10s 0d.." Pins and paper 3d., Waiters, one year, £1 4s. 0d. Total £28 6s. 3d.

An endorsement on the next documents in date order, which relates to a presentation of plate, is rather confusing as to the date. The Hon. Major Augustus Curzon was W.M. 1826-27, and the Hon. Francis Curzon was W.M. 1827-28, yet the endorsement in question refers to Br. Fritchie as W.M. on Oct. 9, 1827. Presumably Br. Fritiche was Acting W.M. for these brethren of high social position.

The documents are as follows:—

"Rev. Br. Hopes's Speech on presenting a piece of plate to Br. Fritche, W.M., 9 Oct'r, 1827:

R.W.D.P.G.M. W.M. and Worthy Brethren,

The reluctance I feel in undertaking the ardourous task which your kindness and partiality has this day imposed upon me, is somewhat qualified on account of the esteem and friendship which I have for our worthy Brother Fritche, and tho' from want of a more perfect knowledge of Masonry I may not duly appreciate our Brother's services and skill as Master of our Lodge, yet from a long and intimate acquaintance of nearly forty years, I am not ignorant of his many good qualities and his worth and value as a Husband, a Father, and a Friend, I therefore cheerfully comply with the request of the Committee, and have much gratification in presenting to him this Elegant and Valuable piece of Plate from the members of the Tyrian Lodge.

Worthy Brother. Your high merit as a Mason, and your eminent and valuable services to the Craft in general, and to this Lodge in particular, justly entitle

you to their gratitude, and you have a strong claim upon them for some token of their respect and esteem. They are duly sensible of this claim, and have deputed me to present you with this Valuable piece of Plate, as a token of their regard and esteem, and in testimony of their approbation of your conduct as Master of this Lodge, and for your unremitting zeal and attention to the interests of it during the long period you so ably discharged the important duties of a station so highly responsible.

I am confident, Brother, that I express the unanimous sentiment of the members of this Lodge, and all who are present, in saying it is their sincere and earnest wish that you may long live to see this Elegant token of their regard glitter on your hospitable board, when it will always remind you of your obligations as a Mason, and call to your recollection those friends who feel as much pleasure in presenting you with it as you can have in receiving it."

Br. Fritche's reply on receiving the piece of plate. 9th October, 1827:

"R.W.D.P.G.M. Rev'd Chaplains and P.M.,

My faithful and dutiful Officers (particularly my S. and J.W. who have ever been at their post), we have joined hand in hand and worked thro' our duties in Masonry with such cordiality, friendship, and Brotherly love, that this may be called the Lodge of harmony.

Brethren of the Tyrian Lodge, and Visiting Brothers. This noble and Magnificent Gift is overwhelming to anyone, particularly myself, as an humble individual. Before I conclude we have all, and each

in our turn, a pleasing and delightful task to perform. In the first place to return our thanks to our most noble P.G.M. for his grand provincial banner formerly given to this Lodge, and for that superb banner lately given, also to our D.P.G.M. for his banner, and to our Rev'd Tyrian Chaplain for his Tyrian banner, to our Rev'd Provincial Grand Chaplain for his powerful oratory in the support of Masonry, to our noble Lords Scarsdale, Harrington, and Howe for their banners, and to other generous Brothers for their banners, globes, etc.

I do not boast, but I rejoice in having it in my power to have given the Orrery behind the Master's Chair, the Candlesticks and branches on the Master's Pedestal, the Book of Prayer, the Trowel, the three Emblematic figures, and two green Tyling Doors to the Lodge; I now give these sable garments worn by our Rev'd Chaplains.

To you my Brethren and Officers, equal thanks are due for your donations, and duties of this Lodge. Tis true, I feel zealous in the cause of Masonry, for when properly attended to it is one of the noblest and grandest institutions on the face of the Earth. I thought I had the full confidence of the Lodge, but to see this Magnificent Gift without my Officers giving me the most distant hint, surprises me much, I can only account for it as being equalled by their duties. There is Secrecy, Morality, and Brotherly Love, and there is the gift of the hand and the heart.

To you generous Brothers who have subscribed to this noble gift, all I can return you is my sincere thanks with a heart full of gratitude which has left a mark or impression here that while I have time allotted

me for my recollection by our Grand Architect of the Universe it cannot be erased. I now accept this noble gift, and with pride I accept it because I feel I have your good opinion."

A letter dated Mch 29, 1827, from Philip Gell has been quoted. On Oct. 10th, 1827, the following letter was addressed to Messrs. White and Harper, G.S. by J. T. Swanwick.

The bearer of this letter, Br. John Nicholas Gell of Hopton, was Initiated into the Entered Apprentice degree on the 28th of Aug't, 1827, and admitted a Fellow craft on the 9th of Oct'r, and as he is going to the Continent in the course of a week, he is desirous of taking the third degree if the same can be done with propriety.

I have therefore taken the liberty of recommending him to you well knowing that you will cheerfully give him any assisance he may require.

Referring again to the letter from Thos. Cook, Secretary of St. John's Lodge, Leicester, expressing regret that the Brethren of that Lodge could not attend the Tyrian meeting, Sep. 26, 1826, there was a return invitation.

Bell Hotel, Leicester,
17th Dec'r 1827.

Sir and Brother,

I am directed by the W. Master of St. John's Lodge, 525, to acquaint you that the Brethren intend to celebrate the Festival of St. John on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the Bell Hotel in this town, and to respectfully solicit the honor of your Company, and that of the Brethren of your Lodge.

The Lodge will meet at 3 o'clock to install the W. Master elect, Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., and the Dinner will be on the table at ½ past 4.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obed't Serv't and Brother,
William Flint, Secretary.

To the W. Master of the
Tyrian Lodge, 475,
Derby.

We may, I think, fairly assume that there was a close neighbourly feeling between the brethren of the provinces of Leicestershire and Derbyshire.

Sir Frederick Gustavus Fowke, Bart., was installed Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire, April 23, 1851, and held the office until his death, May 17, 1856. He was Senior G. W. of England, 1821.

From March 24th, 1828 to November following, the Talbot Inn again provided for the "fourth degree"—average number of suppers served 10, highest No. 15, lowest 6.

The Anniversary banquet account, Sep. 23rd, 1828, was for 21 dinners, etc., total £13 16s. 0d. A supplementary account from S. Willder Grocer, Tea Dealer, Flax Dresser, Tallow Chandler, etc., is for 3 lbs. Muscatells at 18d., 1 lb. Jordan Almonds 4s., ½ peck Apples 2s. 6d., 3 quarts Filberts 3s, Pears 2s. 2d., Biscuits 4s., £1 0s. 2d

Copy of letter.

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to forward you a return of the Lodge and Chapter inclosing a Bill at two months for

£21 9s 0d., viz.:—

Tyrian Lodge, No. 475	7	13	6
Chapter of Justice	13	12	6
Copy of Book of Constitutions	0	3	0
	£21	9	0

We shall feel obliged by the following Certificates on acc't of the Lodge, viz.:—for Brs. T. Cordon, S. Porter, G. Fritche, Jun'r, Sig'r Assoline, and on account of the Chapter for all the Companions from Fritche to Porter inclusive, making altogether 22———Also two copies of the Book of Constitutions for which I have included 3s. as above and the 3s. over paid when I sent for a certificate for P. Gell, Esq'r will pay for the other.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obed't Serv't and Bro.,
J. T. Swanwick.

The reply from "Ed. Harper, G.S.," was:—

London, 22 Sept'r, 1828.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 17th inst. inclosing Returns of your Lodge and Chapter, together with a Bill at two months for £21 9s. 0d. which is accordingly placed to its credit.

Inclosed herewith you will receive G.L. Certificates for Brothers Fritche and D'Assoleni, as also for Bro. Porter in a former return.—Those for Bro. Cordon and Wilson will be forwarded whenever the date of their raising is furnished. You have likewise, inclosed two Books of Constitutions as required.

The R.A. Certificates I regret cannot be included in the present conveyance, not being completely signed, but they shall be sent as soon as can be got ready.

From Dec. 23rd, 1828, to Sep. 25th, 1829, the heading of the supper accounts is "Robert Mellor, King's Arms Inn and County Tavern, St. Mary's Gate, Derby." The average of 12 suppers per meeting was continued.

A document dated November, 1828, endorsed "Copy of the Address sent with the Book of Constitutions for the perusal of the Ladies, 1828," is as follows:—

> The object of sending these documents for your perusal is evidently for the purpose of removing, as much as possible, from your minds those inimical feelings which unhappily too commonly exist against our Ancient and Honorable Society. Be assured that the Bible that blessed book) is the foundation stone of our mysteries, and that it is our constant endeavour to impress its leading truths on the minds of our Members—that all our meetings are opened and closed in solemn prayer, that prayers are used in various other parts of the ceremonies, from that of the first degree to the Sublime and Impressive Order of the Royal Arch; and that to be a *Good Mason* is to be a *Good Man.*
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> Indeed, I may say from the observations of several clergymen, that every Bishop and Divine ought to be a *Mason* in order to enable them more fully to explain some parts of the Holy Scriptures.
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> If it were necessary to add anything to what I have said above, I would ask this single question—Would a parent introduce his son into such a society if he did not firmly believe that its precepts would tend to increase his felicity in this life, and to insure to him an eternal mansion with the Grand Architect of the Universe in that which is to come?

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HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, PROV. G. M.
JOHN BEAUMONT, ESQ. PROV. D. G. M.
GEORGE FRITCHIE, SEN. ESQ. W. M.

Tyrian Lodge, No. 475 Derby.

Sir and Brother,

I have the honour to inform you, by command of the W. M. elect, Brother Bassano, that the Tyrian Lodge will celebrate their forty-fourth Anniversary on Monday the 28th day of September next, at the King's Arms Tavern, when the honour of your company will be much esteemed.

Your obedient humble Servant,

J. T. Swanwick,

Secretary.

N. B. The Craft Lodge will be opened immediately after the Chapter is closed, and Dinner on Table at four o'clock.

Derby, 27th, Augt. 1829.

Permit me in conclusion to subscribe myself, with every feeling of respect.

Your Most Obed't Humble Servant,
Geo. Fritche, W.M.

The Lodge Summons for the Anniversary meeting, September 28th, 1829, is headed:—

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. G.M.
John Beaumont, Esq., Prov. D.G.M.
George Fritche, Sen. Esq., W.M.

and dated 27th August, 1829—a month in advance of the meeting. It states that by command of the W.M. elect, Brother Bassano, the Tyrian Lodge will celebrate their forty-fourth Anniversary, that the Craft Lodge will be opened immediately *after the Chapter is closed*, and Dinner on table at four o'clock.

The account for the banquet was for 40 suppers, etc., and is receipted "Received Twenty-one pounds one shilling (Due to the Estate of R. Mellor), John Sanders." This tells its own tale.

Two supplementary accounts respectively are, Dr. to S. Willder, Raisens and Almonds 9s., and to H. B. Bassano (M. Bassano and Son), Tea Warehouse, Queen Street, Goods for the Anniversary, 1829, £4 13s. 9d.

The latter supplied Lodge lights, Sperm and wax candles, Snuff, and Sealing Wax, during the whole period covered by the Supper accounts, 1825-33.

The W.M. (Bro. H. B. Bassano) of this year* appears to have been unfortunately circumstanced. On "Sat'y even'g, Feb'y 27, 1830," he wrote to "J. T. Swanwick, Esq., S.W."

* He was W.M. again in 1833.

I address you for the purpose of requesting the Sec'y of the Tyrian Lodge to remove me from the Mastership of the same (if possible). Family reasons such as ill health, and other circumstances connected with the Lodge, have compelled me to this Resolution.

I beg you will let my Brethren be informed that I hold Masonry in the greatest esteem; and the interests of my Lodge are peculiarly dear to me.

I trust for the Honor of remaining many years a Member of No. 475.

On May 3rd, 1834, a letter from the Grand Secretaries, William H. White, and Edw. Harper,* intimates that the Lodge of Benevolence, on the petition of Br. Henry Bassano, recommended by the Lodge, has granted Ten Pounds towards his relief.

A letter of apology to the W.M. elect for non-attendance at the Anniversary Meeting, Sep. 23, 1829, from Bro. Laurence Thompson, Prestonian Lecturer in the Lodge of Antiquity, and a Past Grand Deacon, and who was also a member of the Lodge of Reconciliation at the Union, is almost of a private character, but, inasmuch as it is included in the Lodge correspondence, and he was such a prominent personage in Freemasonry in his day, I feel that I may be permitted to give its contents. The letter is dated, "Leicester, Aug. 30, 29," but the address given is No. 19, Great St. Helens, St. Mary Axe, London."

Here I am yet, but I am off by the Sheffield Hope (coach) this evening. . I regret exceedingly the expense of travelling is such that I cannot reach

* E Harper and W. H. White were Joint Secretaries of the United G.L. of Eng., Dec. 27, 1813, to October, 1838, when E. Harper retired on pension.

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(Date, "September, 1833," omitted on original).

Tyrian Lodge, Derby, No. 315.

Sir and Brother,

I have the honor to inform you by command of the W. M. elect (Brother Bassano) that the anniversary of the Tyrian Lodge is appointed to be holden at the Tiger and Commercial Inn, Derby, on Tuesday the 24th. instant, when the honor of your company is particularly requested.

I am, Sir and Brother,
Yours Fraternally,
M. W. Symons,
Secretary.

*** *The Lodge will be opened at two o'clock precisely, and dinner on the table at four, P. M.*

you on your Anniversary. . . . I should be most happy to assist on that occasion, as I am sure much good might be done, for a great deal is wanting among you in the higher ceremonies of Installations, both in the Arch and Lodge, particularly the new Ceremony of Installing the W. Master. it is very fine. . . and very little known even in London, and scarcely at all in the Provinces.

It has suggested itself to me that, if the thing was hinted at as from yourself, I might run down if your Lodge would not object to pay the bare travelling expenses, down and back, . . . if agreed, I will put you in possession of such matter as shall make the Province of Derby equal to the Metropolis, and (you) my dear friend shall have the credit of promulgating the pure and *genial* tenets, and the proper ceremonies of our order. . . I should be hurt beyond measure if . the brethren should think I asked for the invitation—on your account I am anxious you should come into office with great eclat—and I know I can do it, perhaps inferior to none . . it must be your own suggestion. I am anxious to avoid the idea of being paid—that I never have allowed, but to Leicester the brethren always pay Coach, etc.

The conclusion of the letter suggests that Mrs. Bassano was sister to Bro. L. Thompson.*

The heading of the next lot of Supper accounts, Feb. 23rd, 1830, to June 26th, 1832, is "King's Arms, Country Tavern and Commercial Inn. Adjoining the Shire Hall, at the bottom of St. Mary's Gate, in the Centre of the Borough of Derby, Joseph Dodgson."

* Bro. Thompson assisted in the R.A. degree in Leicester in 1817 "and for twenty years afterwards" *(Kelly's His. of F. in Leicestershire, p. 34)*.

There was still an average of 12 suppers served each meeting.

The Anniversary accounts for 1831 and '32, are missing, as also are the accounts for the period between June, 1832, and August, 1833.

The Editor of the "Derbyshire Courier," published in Chesterfield, has kindly furnished me with the following copy of advertisement which appeared in the "Courier," of October 2nd, 1830.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. G.M.

John Beaumont, Esq., Prov. D.G.M.

On Monday next, a Prov. Grand Lodge will be held at the King's Arms Inn, Derby, at eleven o'clock a.m. to vote an address to his Most Gracious Majesty, for condescending to take the office of Grand Patron; to which the Brethren of this and the adjoining Provinces are respectfully invited.

By command,

J. T. Swanwick,

Prov. G. Secretary.

Derby, 27th September, 1830.

N.B.—On the same day, the Tyrian Lodge purpose to celebrate their 45th Anniversary.—Dinner on the table at four o'clock.

The following letters are self-explanatory:—

Derby, 1st Sep'r, 1831.

Gent'm,

Inclosed I send you a return of the Tyrian Lodge No. 475 for three years ending 1830 amounting to £16 15s. 6d.

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* Also see advertisement account.

The T. L. have so frequently lost by paying for members in advance that they have determined not to pay for any until the same is actually received, therefore you will find a number of blanks in this return from Gent'm whom we still consider as members but have not yet paid up their subscriptions.

I shall be obliged by your sending Certificates for the following, Brs. Wilson, Gent, Barton, Chatteron, and Murphy, also for B'r Heppell if it has not been sent to Gateshead.

Under date of 25th Sep'r, 1828, I sent 15s. for a R.A. certificate for B'r Edward Smith, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 690, Repton, but which you could not then fill up for want of a return from his Lodge; I will thank you to enclose it now.

Yours fraternally, J. T. Swanwick, Sec'y.

P.S.—We have lost our S. Warden's Jewel. Could we trouble you to get us one from B'r Harpur and send it with the Certificates, also a few blank Declarations?

Derby, 16th Sept., 1831.

V. W. Sir and Bro.,

At our Lodge last night it was unanimously resolved that, considering the whole of the circumstances attending a procession to All Saints' Church it would be better to abandon it, and it was abandoned accordingly.

We then resolved to agree with Mr. Dodgson for a suitable dinner to set before H.R.H. at 10s. a head, we finding game, etc., and paying for what wine we take—we have therefore thought of fixing the tickets at 21s. each, and hope that will cover all except the very choice wines which should, if possible, be confined to the Royal table.

We purpose issuing tickets before the day, not only to judge the number we may expect, but for the purpose of securing such a number as will free the Lodge from any serious loss which the funds cannot bear.

Will you have the kindness to let me know at what hour you would have the Prov. G. L. summoned, with any other particulars you may wish to have attended to.

I have the honour to be, your obed't humble servant,

J. T. Swanwick.

To J Beaumont, Esq., Prov. D.G.M.

London, 14 Feb'y, 1832.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8th inst. covering a list of names for registry in the G. Chapter books; together with a remittance of Five Guineas for the register fees and Certificates. The arrival in London of Lord Dundas is expected in the course of next week, when we hope to get his Lordship's signature to a parcel of Certificates, now prepared, soon after which those now required by your Chapter shall be forwarded.

In the meantime allow me to call your attention to a return by the Lodge; the last that was received brought the Contribution and payments to September, 1830.

With respect to the difference in the sum credited in the G. Treasurer's account, to the amount received for G.L. Certificates, it is in accordance with a Rule and Order of the Grand Lodge that the remainder should go to the Grand Secretaries in lieu of a larger allowance from the Funds of the Society; thus making the remuneration for the appropriation

of their time and services, somewhat variable, in proportion to the increase or diminution of the official duties.

In reference to the Fees of Honor, payable by Grand Officers on their appointment, allow me to observe that prior to the year 1826 they were uniformly collected, and published in the Circular letter every year; but owing to the absence from England of some of the principal Officers of 1826, and other unavoidable causes, the several sums could not at the time be got in until the commencement of last year, when the accruing fees of that and subsequent years were received and published in the account of March, 1831. Allow me to add it cannot be improper in making the enquiries you have; and I trust the explanation given will be satisfactory.

The "Declaration for Candidates to sign" was printed many years ago, and each Lodge furnished with a Copy in order that they might provide themselves with any number—which are generally bound in a book, so as to refer to at any future time. The form is introduced into the Constitution Book of 1818 whereby the object in view may be attained; but we have none now remaining in the Office, or I would willingly supply you. Should you think proper I will get a hundred printed and bound up for your Lodge.

With due and fraternal regard

I remain, for Bro. White and Self,

Dear Sir, very faithfully yours,

Mr. John T. Swanwick, Edw. Harper, G.S.
Tyrian Lodge, Derby.

Copy of Declaration.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers, and Members, of the
Lodge of
No.

I,
being free by birth, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare, that, unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive, I freely and voluntary offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favourable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the antient usages and established customs of the order.

Witness my hand, this day of

Witness

The following is a further letter from the Grand Secretary: —

The Tyrian Lodge not having made a return of its Members since that received in Sept., 1833, bringing its Constitution to September, 1832, there is an arrear of One year and a half now due. If you will be good enough to furnish a return accordingly, and transmit Bro. Bassano's receipt for this donation,* it may be deducted from the amount of y'r remittance and placed to the Credit of the Lodge.

Your early attention is requested in order to enable us to square this matter in the accounts.

* £10 granted by the Lodge of Benevolence.

From Aug. 27th, 1833, to Sep. 30th, 1834, which completes the file of supper accounts, the headings of the accounts are:—Taylor, Commercial and Tiger Inn, Corn Market, Derby, and the average suppers served fell to nine. The Anniversary banquets were also on a more modest scale. On Sep'r 24th, 1833, the account was for 20 dinners at 4s. 6d. each, £4 10s., Cigars and tobacco 3s. 6d., Tiler 4s. 6d., Total £4 18s.

On Sep'r 30th, 1834, the account was again for 20 dinners, punch, etc., and Tiler £5 11s., plus Servants £1 4s.

I give, as a concluding item, the announcement of the death of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the appointment of his successor, 1834:—

St. Mary's Gate, Derby.
10 June, 1834.

May it please your Grace,

By the death of our highly esteemed Brother the late John Beaumont, Esq., the Office of Deputy G.M. for this County has become vacant, and as your Grace on the death of the late Lord Tamworth condescended to request the Lodge would name a Brother whom they thought would best fill the office and promote the interests of Freemasonry. They have on the present occasion presumed to act on the same plan, and have requested me to name Bro. Philip Gell, of Hopton, Esq'r. Should this arrangement meet with your Grace's approval, the Lodge request that your Grace would be pleased to appoint him to that office in the same manner as our late Brother Beaumont.

I have the honor to be, my Lord Duke,
Your Grace's most obed't humble Servant,
J. T. Swanwick,

To His Grace
The Duke of Devonshire,
K.G., Prov. G.M., etc., etc.

Approval is indicated as follows:—

To all and every Our Worshipful and Loving Brethren I, the Most Noble William Spencer Cavendish, Duke of Devonshire, K.G., etc., etc., Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire; Acting under the Authority of His Royal Highness Augustus Frederick Duke of Sussex, K.G., etc., etc., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in England, to Our truly worthy and excellent Brother Philip Gell, send greeting.

Be it known that I am desirous the Sublime and Universal Science of Free Masonry should be cultivated in all its purity, in my Province, and for the greater convenience of the Brethren within the same, I have appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint you, the said Philip Gell my Deputy, you are therefore to take the whole of the Lodges in the Province into your fraternal care, and to observe and cause to be observed all the Rules, Orders, and Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions, as well as all orders and Regulations which may be hereafter be made by the Grand Lodge of England for the benefit of the Craft. And I do hereby strictly command all good Masons to obey you as my Deputy. You are furthermore required (at least once in every year) to transmit an account in writing of the state of the different Lodges in the Province and of Masonry in general to me, and also to the Grand Secretaries.

Given under my Hand and Seal this 8 day of Sep'r in the year of Light 5834 and of Grace 1834.

To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Tyrian Lodge, Derby.

Brethren,

Being anxious that the beautiful science of Free Masonry should be cultivated as much as possible within my Province, and for the greater convenience of the Fraternity in all matters requiring the assistance of the Prov. Grand Lodge, I have this day appointed my highly esteemed Brother Philip Gell my Deputy, and I do hereby strictly command you, and each of you, to obey him as such, and to refer to him in all matters relating to the Craft.

I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

Devonshire.

Prov. G. Master for Derbyshire.

Chatsworth House, Sep'r 8, 1834.

Lane's "Records" give the following particulars of the Lodge (p. 150), excepting the places in italics:—

Tyrian Lodge (Centenary Jewel) Derby, Derbyshire.
No. "468." Date of Warrant, 26th March, 1785
Bunch of Grapes, Market Place, Derby.....1785.
George Inn (*Irongate*) .....1786.
Number "379." .....1792.
" "475" .....1814.
New Inn (*Bridge St.*) .....1823.
George Inn .....1823.
King's Arms Tavern (*St. Mary's Gate*) .....1825.
Number "315" .....1832.
Tiger and Commercial Inn (*Corn Market*)...1832.
Talbot Inn .....1837.
Tiger Inn 1838,

Royal Hotel .....1839.
Number "253." .....1863.
King's Head Hotel (*now St. James' Hotel*) ...1863.
Bell Hotel, Sadler Gate .....1868.
St. James's Hotel, St. James's Street .....1872.
Masonic Hall, Gower Street 1874*

The Minute books of the Tyrian Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, will yield information in regard to many events in Freemasonry during the period covered by my paper, which I have not referred to —my notes are from material at my command here in Manchester. Perhaps I may be able at some future time to give a further addition to them, and the whole, possibly may be useful to the future historian of Freemasonry in Derbyshire.

* Should be Feb. 23, 1875.

APPENDIX.

W. Bro. Alfred Wallis, whose account of the commencement and inauguration of the Tyrian Lodge is given on page 21, and who is now in his ninetieth year, has kindly furnished me with the following further particulars of "Lodge 104, Virgin's Inn, Darby, constituted Sep. 14, 1732." Writing from Exeter, on 17th Nov., 1913, he says:—

The Lodge is registered in *Scott's Pocket Companion*, 3rd edition, 1764, amongst "The Lodges under the Authority of the Grand Master of England . . . in different Parts of England," thus: "Royal Oak, Derby, 1st and 3rd Tuesday." No numbers are attached to any of the entries.

In *A Select Collection of Masonic Songs . . With a List of all the Regular Lodges in England, Exeter: R. Newman, 1767*, occurs this entry:—"44 The Royal Oak, Derby, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 1732."

The Lodge is elsewhere described as "A Modern Masons' Lodge," and from information given me by Bro. Brown, the painstaking author of "Freemasonry in Wigan," I learn that a R.A. Chapter was attached thereto.

Dr. Rawlinson's MS. in the Bodleian Library, has the following entries:—

"1724-40. No. 104 Lodge, held at the Virgin's Inn, Derby.

1732. No. 54 Royal Oak Inn, Darby, on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays."

And re the Tyrian Lodge:—

"1798. Tyrian Lodge, No. 382, is at the George Inn, Derby."

The presence of "Henry Pratt," a Warden of the Royal Oak Lodge of Modern Masons, 1766, as a visitor at the opening of the Tyrian Lodge in 1785, is noteworthy (see p. 22), as also is the omission of any mention of the Wardens of the Tyrian Lodge in the Order of Procession to All Saints' Church, after the first Anniversary Meeting, held at 10 o'clock a.m., May 10th, 1786, whilst the Wardens of the Nottingham Lodge have places assigned to them.

"Three Master Masons of the Derby Lodge" were included, immediately in advance of the "Three Master Masons of the Nottingham Lodge" (see p. 23).

The "Bunch of Grapes," where the Tyrian first met, was a mere pot-house, not so extensive, even, as the "Royal Oak." Both this house and the "Royal Oak" were situate in the Market Place. The former was demolished to make room for the new Town Hall buildings after the fire, Oct. 21st, 1841; it stood on the same side as the "Royal Oak," but nearer to the Town Hall, with an entrance in Leather Lane, which ran at the back of the Town Hall. It had been disused as an Inn for many years prior to its destruction—the sign and license were transferred early in the 19th century to a house in Green Lane.

In or about the year 1823, there being no other List of Members of the Lodge than the names recorded from time to time in the Minute-books, Bro. John Thos. Swanwick, a land-surveyor, residing in St. Mary's Gate, with his mother (who kept a boys' school), volunteered to gather the names together upon "a fair roll of parchment," and a resolution permitting him to use the Lodge books for this purpose was passed accordingly. The transcript was completed in 1824 and presented to the Lodge in November, the writer receiving a vote of thanks for his pains.

(At this period, the Lodge was held at the Talbot Inn, Irongate; the Landlord, Tho. Wilder, does not appear to have been one of the Craft.)

On succeeding to the Secretary's Office, 1865, I made enquiry for this Roll, but was informed by the oldest Members that it was non-existent, none then living having seen or even heard of it as an article of Lodge property, and there the matter rested.

In 1872 the Rev. E. W. Foley retired from All Saints', and a sale of his effects took place later at the Vicarage, which my late wife attended. Upon her return she told me that a "miscellaneous" lot, sold for a trifle to a marine-store dealer, included a roll of parchment, at the head of which she noticed the words "Tyrian Lodge" written very boldly—mounted upon wooden rollers. On this hint I set off at once to explore Willow Row, and Jury Street, without success, and was about to give up the chase when I remembered the existence of a rag and bone merchant in a passage leading from Sadler Gate through the King's Head stable-yard, into St. James's Lane. I found my man with a pair of shears in one hand and the precious Roll in the other, upon the point of cutting-up the parchment into drum-heads for children's toys; another minute would have been too late. I think his name was Newbold. With some difficulty a bargain was concluded, and I carried the Roll home, my dear wife being greatly delighted with her share in the preservation of so interesting a relic; indeed had it not been for her acuteness nothing could have saved it from immediate destruction.

Prior to the Centenary Meeting of the Lodge, April 9, 1885, Bro. Cox, W.M., wrote to me asking for the loan of this Roll as an exhibit, but my intention having always

been to restore it to the ownership of my Mother Lodge, I wrote to that effect, and received a vote of thanks in return.

This is the history of "The Lost Roll," which I am writing in the "Jubilee Year" of my initiation (on 27th October, 1863). With the exception of my good friend and schoolmate, Bro. J. B. Coulson, I believe myself to be the oldest surviving *initiate* (perhaps even *member*) of the Tyrian Lodge.

ALFRED WALLIS.

[Copy of 1830 Declaration]

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers, and Members, of the Lodge of
No. 475.

I,
being free by birth, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare, that, unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive, I freely and voluntary offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favourable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the antient usages and established customs of the order. Witness my hand, this day of

Witness,

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